

Officer could be sacked after pushing man while on duty

ASSAULT PC TO FACE HEARING

Report by Mike Woods

A POLICE officer based in Walsall is facing a misconduct hearing after being convicted of assaulting a member of the public following a fight in the town centre.

Pc David Mitchison was on duty when he was called to deal with the fight involving two people outside the Tap and Tanner pub on Darwall Street.

An onlooker approached the police officer, aged 48, and was said to have been pushed in the chest by Pc Mitchison. He fell to the floor and suffered a cut to the head, which needed stitches.

The incident happened at around 6pm on March 9, 2014.

In a court case at Birmingham Magistrates Court in March last year, Pc Mitchison was found guilty of assault and fined £400, ordered to pay a victim surcharge of £40 and costs of £300 and compensation of £200.

He lost an appeal against his conviction in October last year, and was ordered to pay £533 costs.

However, Pc Mitchison is now facing a misconduct hearing, likely to last five days, starting tomorrow, Friday, in Birmingham. He could ultimately be sacked from the force.

Warning

Lee Page, spokesman for West Midlands Police, said: "All options are open to the panel in terms of what to do with Pc Mitchison in line with the national guidelines."

"These options include management advice, a written warning, a final written warning, a dismissal with notice or a dismissal without notice."

The force declined to comment any further, insisting that all the details would come out during the course of the misconduct hearing itself.

In a dismissal with notice, the people conducting the hearing, consisting of at least one senior West Midlands Police officer, will decide the notice period with a minimum of 28 days.

In a final written warning, the officer is told that any further conduct may result in dismissal, but that they right a right to appeal.

In a listing for the hearing on the force's website, it states: "Whilst on duty on the 9 March 2014 Pc Mitchison used excessive force on a member of the public during the policing of a public order incident."

"Pc Mitchison was subsequently convicted for an offence of assault."

VAN-TASTIC FUN FOR ENTHUSIASTS AT EXHIBITION



Tony Went, from Bloxwich, with his distinctive VW van at the Camper Mart event at Telford International Centre

TATTOO and camper van enthusiasts turned up in their thousands for two large exhibitions in the Midlands.

Visitors, tattoo artists and van owners from Walsall headed to Telford International Centre for both Tattoo Freeze and Camper Mart on Sunday. At Tattoo Freeze, in its seventh year and billed as the UK's favourite family tattoo event, more than 200 artists had stalls set up.

And running alongside it, Camper Mart filled a hall with everything Volkswagen bus lovers could want, including a variety of

weird, wacky and wonderful designs. VW fan Tony Went, from Bloxwich, showed off his distinctive camper at the show.

Event manager Alice Richardson said: "I'm thrilled with how many people are here. It's always a brilliant event, it's continually growing every year, both Tattoo Freeze and Camper Mart."

Miss Richardson said despite getting a tattoo being restricted to over 18s, there was plenty to keep younger visitors entertained.

"It's a very family friendly day," she said. "It's becoming more and more acceptable in

the wider industry and as an art form and in the media."

Simon Pateman, from InkMe Studios in Cannock, said he thought the variety of styles was why people keep returning. He said: "It's our biggest show of the year and it gets better each year. We've got six booths this year with our artists doing black and white and greys, full colour, watercolour style, Disney and graffiti-style tattoos. One of our artists, Richie, won an award last year for best colour."

This show, being more of a local one for us, we get more people from the area coming in."

BEREAVEMENT

Chance to have say on service changes

A CONSULTATION on new rules and regulations for bereavement services in Walsall has been launched. Residents, funeral directors and stonemasons will be able to have their say about how the service is delivered.

Councillor Anthony Harris said: "I hope people will use this opportunity until the end of March to help shape the future of this service. At some time or other everyone in the borough comes into contact with bereavement and we want to ensure that our places of rest are fitting and respectful of the memories of our loved ones as places of remembrance should be."

Consultation on draft proposals is open now until the end of March and can be seen at walsall.gov.uk/bereavement-consultation

HEALTH

MP in pledge to monitor hospital

AN MP has called on bosses at Walsall Manor Hospital to act urgently to make improvements after it was placed in special measures following a scathing Care Quality Commission report.

Following the report's publication, David Winnick, MP for Walsall North, met up with Manor chief Richard Kirby. He said: "I hope the necessary measures will now be taken urgently to make overall improvements. However, this will only be done once the commission is satisfied. It is my intention to keep in close touch with the hospital management and see what steps are being taken."

SHOPPING

Costa Coffee shop to bring new jobs

COSTA Coffee is opening up in Brownhills, a move that will create up to 10 jobs. The coffee shop is due to open some time in April.

Kerry Parkin, Costa spokeswoman, said: "Costa are pleased to announce that we are opening a brand new store in Brownhills in April, subject to contract, bringing eight to 10 new jobs to the local area."

Costa has around 1,755 coffee shops around the country.

Bosses are yet to reveal the location of the Brownhills shop.

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Artists in the frame at town gallery



Co-ordinator Hannah Anderson

TWO new exhibitions have been launched at the New Art Gallery in Walsall. Exhibitions from British painter Laura Lancaster and world-renowned Belgian painter and poet Jan Vanriet went on display on Friday and will be open to the public until May 8.

Ms Lancaster's display will bring together a wide range of her work including works on paper, a large 24-piece installation and large-scale diptychs. She draws inspiration from

forgotten and discarded photographs and home movies and recently has begun working with stills sourced from old film.

Her diptychs feature images from the very first and last frames of home movies.

Ms Lancaster, aged 36, and who lives in Newcastle-upon-Tyne, said of these: "My work is becoming more concerned with the construction of multiple images within one painting and the way in which their meaning

can be manipulated."Mr Vanriet's exhibition entitled 'The Music Boy' will feature 30 oil paintings on canvas and is his first in the UK.

It is named after a quadriptych, a painting divided into sections or panels, depicting his grandmother and uncle playing an accordion.

His parents met in the Mauthausen concentration camp and their stories and memories of the Second World War and its aftermath permeate his paintings.

Council bosses axe six potential traveller sites

HALF a dozen sites which had been controversially earmarked to accommodate travellers in Walsall are set to be scrapped by council bosses.

Proposals to locate pitches at the old Darlaston Multi-Purpose Centre had caused uproar among campaigners with more than 2,600 signing a petition in opposition to it.

Likewise around 250 people lobbied against the idea of having pitches at the former Royal British Legion Club at Broad Lane Gardens in Bloxwich.

To their relief both sites have been deemed unsuitable by council officers, as have sites at Poplar Avenue, Churchill Road and two plots at Mill Street.

Instead the council is proposing to develop 15 extra pitches up until 2026 including 10 at Dolphin Close in Goscoe, three at the back of homes on Foster Street in Blakenall and another two at an existing site in Willenhall Lane.

Deputy leader Councillor Adrian Andrew, economy, infrastructure and development chief, said: "We have a duty to find sites that are legal pitches for gypsies and travellers. They are people and they need somewhere to live.

Listened

"Getting proper pitches is better than what has been happening in Walsall for the past year with all of the illegal and temporary encampments.

"Some of the sites identified by the Site Allocation Document, which was collated by officers and not by politicians, have clearly been deemed not to be suitable. Following a public consultation we have listened and agreed with the public. Other sites have come forward which seem to be acceptable."

Councillor Doug James, who backed campaigners' opposition to turning the centre into a traveller site, said: "People were on anti-depressants, had weeks of sleepless nights and considered selling their houses.

"Jobs and health were impacted on by the stress caused throughout the consultation.

"No community should have this pressed on them by ineffective information from Walsall Council."

Travellers blighted the borough in 2015 causing outrage among locals with illegal encampments particularly at Barr Beacon nature reserve and the retail park next to Banks's Stadium. More than £70,000 of taxpayers money was spent on clearing up after them in the last 12 months.



A map showing a number of suitable, rejected and potential locations for traveller sites in Walsall



Thrown out – the Victoria Road site in Darlaston



The former Royal British Legion club, Bloxwich

Hundreds protest at plan to end free classes

HUNDREDS of people have opposed controversial plans to scrap free fitness lessons in Walsall.

A petition has been handed into the council by campaigners, who have chastised the consultation around the decision as "fundamentally flawed". The free fitness sessions will be scrapped by Walsall Council in a bid to save £260,000, under plans. Councillor Ian Robertson, shadow cabinet member for public health, said the services would still be run – but only for those in serious need.

A council report discussed last December revealed bosses intend to provide more online-based services to help people live healthier, meaning they will encourage people to look at other ways of getting healthy.

More than 300 people signed the petition asking for the plans to be rethought, which was delivered to a public health scrutiny meeting last week. The petition, set up by service user Julie Hykin, also claims the council's consultation process regarding the changes was "misleading", "unclear" and not made available for users who don't speak English.

Mrs Hykin said: "We want the council to rethink these plans, primarily because these services are well-used. We believe the consultation surrounding the proposals was fundamentally flawed."

It is estimated the consequences of physical inactivity in Walsall could cost the local economy £33 million per year through increased sickness absence, reduced productivity and increased cost to individuals and their carers.

Burglary nets huge gold haul

BURGLARS took thousands of pounds worth of distinctive Asian jewellery from a house in Bloxwich.

Thieves struck at the house in Enderley Drive and took necklaces, including a personalised one bearing the name Shannon, earrings, bracelets and a headpiece.

West Midlands Police spokeswoman Deb Edmonds said: "The jewellery was stolen in a break-in on Enderley Drive, Bloxwich during the afternoon of January 24.

"Its estimated value is in the thousands of pounds.

"We would encourage people to make sure your home is secure at all times using suitable window and door locks.

"If you prefer to keep your jewellery at home, invest in a suitable safe that is installed to manufacturer's instructions."

Officers working as part of Operation Magpie, which monitors the activity around stolen property, are investigating.

As part of the operation, police look to locate items that have been stolen that might be sold on to pawnbrokers or second hand shops.



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More train passengers satisfied by service

RAIL companies operating out of the West Midlands are seeing more satisfied customers, a new survey has revealed. The latest Transport Focus survey revealed a rise in the percentage of happy passengers using train services across the region.

More than 28,000 passengers were asked about their main train service, which revealed overall satisfaction across the country had risen to 83 per cent by autumn last year.

London Midland said it welcomed the survey's findings after achieving satisfaction score of 86 per cent.

Commercial director Richard Brooks said the company was also planning to invest £13 million over the next 18 months.

He said: "This is a positive set of results for London Midland, which recognises our commitment to continually improving the service we offer to customers and underlines the need for ongoing investment."

Passengers rated Chiltern Railways as the joint top franchise operated by the Department for Transport, returning with 91 per cent satisfaction during autumn last year and 90 per cent in the spring. Virgin Trains from London to Wolverhampton and Shrewsbury varied from 85 per cent customer satisfaction last spring up to 91 per cent in the autumn.

Cross Country trains travelling from Birmingham varied from a low of 79 per cent for the London Stansted service in spring last year to a high of 96 per cent for the trip to Manchester during the same season.

Photographers can snap up prize

KEEN photographers can snap up a prize by taking shots of their favourite walks, beauty spots and sights across the Midlands.

The National Trust has launched a competition to encourage people to share their magic moments and beautiful scenes. Five £100 vouchers for Cotswold Outdoor clothing shop are up for grabs.

Andy Beer, director for the National Trust in the Midlands, said: "Send us a photo of what inspires you, and you could be a winner."

Submit entries by social media, either via the National Trust Midlands Facebook page or Twitter account @NTMidlands, including the hashtag #NTMidInspire

The closing date is February 28.

Rambling out into the country

WALSALL'S Ramblers head to Bradley near Penkridge this weekend for a seven mile circular walk. Newcomers are welcome for Sunday's event, which leaves at 9am from Oak Park Leisure Centre in Walsall. Contact Mark Ward on 01922 621148.

Pupils' Hawking lecture question coup



The Barr Beacon School pupils

A GROUP of Walsall students were given the lecture of a lifetime by one of world's most celebrated scientists.

Year eight pupils from Barr Beacon School, were honoured to be invited by the BBC to participate in a lecture given by Professor Stephen Hawking.

The students were asked to take part in the event at the Reith Lectures in London after they responded to a call out for questions to ask Professor Hawking.

BBC producers were so impressed with the questions that Barr Beacon pupils submitted that they invited

them down to London to ask one of them in person. Barr Beacon was the only school to be invited - having school-age pupils at the Reith Lectures is virtually unheard of.

The annual lectures held by the BBC, now in their 68th year, are named for the first director-general of the corporation and aim to advance public understanding about significant contemporary issues. Pupils were present for two lectures, both delivered by Professor Hawking.

Miss Harris and Dr Butterworth, the staff who attended the lecture

with the pupils both confessed to being 'starstruck'.

Similarly, Aruniya Muraledaran, who voiced the pupils' question, said: "I could not quite believe that we were in a room with Stephen Hawking."

The recording took place at the Royal Institution in South Kensington, London.

Also in the very selective audience was fellow scientist and comedian Dara O'Briain, politician Ed Miliband and Professor Richard Dawkins.

Cerebral palsy girl, five, gets payout of millions

A FIVE-year-old girl who was left with cerebral palsy after complications during her birth at Walsall Manor is set to receive multi-million pound damages from the NHS.

The youngster was delivered at the hospital in 2010 but suffered oxygen starvation, London's High Court was told.

Her brain was damaged and the girl is now unable to walk or talk and has to be fed through a tube. Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust, which runs the hospital, this week agreed to a settlement of the case, which guarantees her a big payout. Whilst continuing to deny blame, the trust agreed to compensate her on the basis of 50 per cent of the full value of her claim.

There would have been an 'uncertain outcome' if the case had gone to trial and it would have been a 'high risk' for both sides, said the judge Mrs Justice Whipple.

She said that the girl's case 'hinged on being able to show that delivery should have been achieved earlier than it was'. She could have emerged from a trial 'with an empty hand', making a settlement a better option.

Closure

Mrs Justice Whipple approved the 'reasonable compromise' and said the damages the girl will receive will be 'substantial'. She thanked the girl's parents, siblings and wider family 'for the care and love they have undoubtedly given' to her since she was born. She added: "I hope today's approval will bring some closure to events of the past and leave her and her family positive about the future."

An interim payment of £50,000 will be paid immediately to tide the girl over until a final assessment of her damages. That will happen at a later hearing once the full extent of her long-term needs is known. Speaking after the hearing, her barrister Simeon Maskrey QC confirmed that, even after a 50 per cent reduction, her award will run into millions.

Mr Amir Khan, Medical Director at Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust, said: "The trust is sorry for the injuries that this child suffered at the time of her birth in 2010 and has co-operated fully with the subsequent investigation into the circumstances of this case. The trust and the child's advisers obtained advice from independent experts who reached differing opinions as to the standard of care received.

"Those differences aside, both parties have been able to reach an agreement."

Birthday girl plays generation game



Son David, great granddaughter Gabrielle, granddaughter and new baby Ida join Irene Sandford

THEY live in Scotland, Ireland, Las Vegas, Los Angeles and Spain - but they all have one thing in common.

Five generations of the Sanford family came together to celebrate great grandmother Irene's milestone 90th birthday.

Mrs Sandford was joined by son David, 57, granddaughter Donna, 36, great granddaughter Gabrielle, 19, and seven-month-old great great granddaughter Ida-

Rose. They had a party at County Hotel in Birmingham Road, Walsall, with more than 100 guests in attendance.

Instead of gifts, Mrs Sandford asked for donations for St Giles Hospice - and £650 was raised.

Daughter Patricia said: "We had a very good time, my mother loved it."

"The whole thing didn't take that much planning, I just made a list then when the RSVPs came

in booked the venue." She added: "Our family is so big, my mother has 16 grandchildren, 25 great grandchildren and three great great grandchildren."

"My mother's had a hard life but it made her all the wiser for it. She lost her mum and dad when she was young and all her siblings went into care."

"It wasn't until 60 years later that she tracked them down and we had a big reunion."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Homeserve seeks engineer recruits

WALSALL-BASED household repairs and insurance group HomeServe is recruiting 16 engineers in the Midlands as part of a nationwide campaign to hire another 160.

The company, with its head office in Green Lane, is looking for engineers for its plumbing, drainage and home energy services gas divisions.

The jobs are being created through HomeServe's recently-acquired Nottingham-based Home Energy Services specialist gas division as well as its plumbing and water supply pipe engineer network.

It is looking for 16 multi-skilled gas and plumbing and drainage engineers in the Midlands, in the Dudley, Walsall, Wolverhampton and Birmingham areas.

Applications are open now and engineers can apply by visiting: <http://www.homeserve.co.uk/careers-hub>

New plan for site thrown out

A SECOND application to turn a former doctors surgery in Willenhall into a house for 12 people has been thrown out by council bosses. The premises at 250 Stroud Avenue has already been turned into an eight bedroom house.

Seven months ago a retrospective application was lodged to turn the site into a house for 12 people, however, following objections from the police due to anti-social behaviour concerns, this was withdrawn.

Council bosses then submitted an enforcement notice, informing the owners they had 28 days to either submit a revised planning application or cease to use the site as a home.

Councillor Ian Shires said: "We will be checking up on progress of that enforcement action as it was supposed to be running consecutively with the determination of the retrospective

New sexual health provider on cards

WALSALL Council is to agree a new provider for sexual health services in the borough in a deal worth £2.2m a year. The council has carried out a full procurement process in a bid to transition sexual health from the NHS to local authorities.

Borough chiefs met last night behind closed doors to award the contract, funded by a public health budget. Councillor Rose Martin, public health chief, said: "The services will have a positive and sustained impact on the Council's agreed purpose

Health boss opens up urgent care centre

AN Urgent Care Centre offering a walk-in facility to relieve pressure on A&Es has been officially opened, led by Dr Amrik Gill, chairman of NHS Walsall Clinical Commissioning Group.

Three new reception staff have been employed since urgent care was moved from Market Square to the Saddlers Centre and it opened on Thursday.

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THE Bishop of London suggests that bearded vicars may find it easier to "reach out" to Muslims. The snag, of course, is that a majority of new priests in the Anglican Church are female. A burka, perhaps?

THE Mad World of Donald Trump (C4) seemed to start with a prejudiced title. But the more you watched Matt Frei's hour-long documentary, the more the word "mad" seemed appropriate. Donald Trump is triumphing because America is scared and wants a new messiah. It's scared of migration, scared of terrorists, scared of things that are foreign, alien or not understood. The irony is that the perceived solution – electing President Donald J Trump – is scarier than anything else.

BUT let's not be too snuffy and superior. How many Paris-scale massacres would it take in London, Birmingham or Manchester before Trumpery arose in England?

THOSE of us who once owned a racoon-skin hat may have lived to see the beginning and the end of the TV revolution. It began in the 1950s when we kids suddenly discovered that no game of cowboys and Indians in a freezing street was half as good as the Cisco Kid on a nine-inch Pye in a warm lounge. The TV revolution entered its demise this week with the report that internet-savvy kids are no longer watching much telly. The TV companies, while putting a brave face on it, must be absolutely terrified.

EMMA Reynolds, Wolverhampton MP and former shadow minister, is, like many MPs, too young to remember life outside the EU (or Common Market as we were told to call it). When she says "leaving the EU would be 'the worst of all worlds,'" she is addressing an ageing electorate, many of whom recall Britain before the 1975 referendum, and remember it rather fondly.

I WONDER if Worcester feels any sense of communal shame over the rush by hordes of locals chasing the £33 million Lotto jackpot. Okay, one or two may genuinely believe they have the winning ticket. But Camelot report hundreds of claimants, suggesting attempted fraud on a massive scale. Oxford is the city of dreaming spires. Is Worcester the city of scheming liars?

A READER shares a gem of a platform announcement at Birmingham New Street. It works best in a Brummie accent: "Platform Six for the 16:33 to Northampton, calling at Marston Green (slight pause) and lots of other places."

ADVERTISING staff go into a school and ask children how clean they feel after wiping their bottoms on toilet tissue. Aren't AndrexTV ads weird?

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

School offers lifeline to library

A LIBRARY facing closure has been handed a lifeline by a school. New Invention Library, on Lichfield Road, is one of around half a dozen earmarked to close as part of plans by Walsall Council to save £25 million in its 2016/17 budget.

A petition boasting more than 900 signatures calling for it to be saved from closure has already been handed in to the authority. Now Beacon Primary School, in nearby Davis Road, has offered the library a possible reprieve.

The school has this week officially submitted proposals to move the service onto its site if the library does close.

Headteacher Paul Drew said: "We work closely with the community on a wide range of levels and we don't want to see this facility lost."

New home numbers on the rise says report

"A book service is something people need access to. I understand the council has to make cuts, so we are trying to make something happen to ensure people don't lose access to a library service."

"I am confident we could make it work at Beacon Primary School."

The school has worked with local councillor Adam Hicken to create the proposals.

Councillor Hicken said: "Beacon Primary School is well placed at the heart of our community and I hope that further discussions will help to support the continuation of the library service."

"I would also like to thank all the residents who signed the petition which has allowed us to show that we are passionate about keeping our library service in New Invention."

THE number of new homes being registered across the UK hit its highest levels since 2007 last year, according to an industry body. The number registered in the West Midlands was up nine per cent at 13,478.

According to the National House Building Council, the number of detached homes registered over the past 12 months reached its highest levels in more than a decade, while the number of semi-detached homes registered in 2015 was the highest in more than 20 years.

A total of 156,140 new homes were registered in 2015, marking a seven per cent increase on 2014 as well as an eight-year high.

While the 2015 annual total is still well below the 199,177 new-build homes registered in 2007, it is 75 per cent higher than the 88,993 new homes registered during in 2009.

The NHBC registration figures are taken from builders who are responsible for around 80 per cent of homes constructed in the UK.

The NHBC said that 42,173 detached homes were registered during 2015, while 35,423 semi-detached homes were also registered.

The proportion of detached and semi-detached new-build homes being registered has been growing in recent years, while the proportion of new flats being registered has been shrinking.

Nine out of 12 UK regions, including the West Midlands, recorded annual growth in the number of new-build homes being registered.

Visual deception forms talk topic

ART forms, artists and magic will be the focus of a fascinating talk at the Royal Air Force Museum Cosford.

The interactive and engaging talk entitled 'Now you see it, now you don't: The art of visual deception' will take place on February 15 in the museum's lecture theatre.

The talk will be hosted by Bertie Pearce, a member of the inner magic circle and will introduce the art forms of trompe l'oeil, anamorphic art, composite portraiture, impossible figures, ambiguous imagery, street art and graffiti.

The event will start at 11.30am and will last for around one hour. Admission is free.

To book a place visit the museum's website on www.rafmuseum.org/cosford

Sewer pipe works to see road shut

DRIVERS in Walsall will face delays until next week as sewer connection works start in Pelsall.

Church Road between the junctions of Hall Lane and B4154 Norton Road will be closed day and night until February 12.

Action call as empty salon infested by flies

By James Fisher

A CLOSED hairdressers has sparked concern from community leaders after becoming infested with hundreds of flies.

Environmental health officers have been called to take action over the former business in Market Place, Willenhall.

The hairdressers, which was called Chic Hair & Beauty Salon, was closed about five months ago.

But since then the windows have been smashed with rubbish left inside.

Willenhall South Councillor Sean Coughlan said he was concerned about the impact of the derelict building on the town.

He said: "The shop has been empty for about five months and has now been brought to my attention."

"Most people were expecting the turnover of business to be quite quick and for someone to be using the building by now."

"It started going on for a long time and eventually one of the windows was broken and then we started getting complaints."

"Despite it being winter time people started noticing flies appearing."

Removed

Councillor Coughlan said he had been assured by the council's environmental health team that rubbish was removed in November, with further plans to clean up the whole place ready for a new business.

He said: "That was never done so I was asked to get involved again because the shop next door, which sells sweets, starting noticing flies on her windows."

"The shop on the other side, which does everything from selling bulbs to getting keys cut, also started having problems."

"Again I was assured someone would come out and again nothing happened."

"The final straw was when the market traders took me to one side and showed me the state of the shop now."

"It is covered in hundreds of flies and it's got to the stage now where it is dragging down the whole town."

"We are supposed to be supporting the regeneration of Willenhall so this sort of thing is not good."

David Eltrington, environmental health manager at Walsall Council, said environmental health officers were aware of the problem and in discussions with the owners of the property.

He said: "Officers will advise them on an appropriate treatment and clearance plan as a way forward."



Councillor Sean Coughlan outside the abandoned hairdressers in Market Place , Willenhall



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NEWS IN BRIEF

Retirement base plans supported

MORE than 30 retirement homes are set to be given the go-ahead in Walsall. The council's planning committee have been asked to approve plans to demolish the existing building at 41 Leighwood Road in Aldridge and build a three-storey building for retirement living housing.

Under the plans the building will comprise 35 flats and ancillary accommodation. The flats will be split into 20 one beds and 15 two beds. The site used to be home to Millington York printing works, comprising a three storey building on the site frontage, a large industrial building on the rear eastern boundary and single storey buildings along the north-western boundary. Planning officers have recommended that the plans be approved subject to a Section 106 agreement.

Tate partnership exhibition due

THE next exhibition to come to Walsall as part of a three-year partnership with the Tate galleries will land this month.

A total of 16 pieces compiled by Tate bosses to link with the Garman Ryan Collection will be unveiled at the New Art Gallery on February 11, where they will stay for 12 months. The gallery was built around the Garman Ryan Collection – 365 artworks from the 19th and 20th century.

Caroline Collier, director of partnerships and programmes with Tate, said: "We are delighted that we have been able to lend these works from Tate's collection to The New Art Gallery Walsall where they resonate beautifully with the Garman Ryan Collection."

Good rating for village practice

A GP service in Great Wyrley has been rated 'good' by a health watchdog. Care Quality Commission inspectors went into Southfield Way Medical Centre in December.

Their subsequent report published last Thursday concluded that the practice was hitting the benchmark in every key area; safety, effectiveness, care, responsiveness and leadership.

Around 3,000 patients are on the surgery's books.

Despite the positive report areas for improvement were identified.

Church talk centres on haunted secrets

A TALK about spooky goings-on in the Black Country will be held at Sedgley Church.

'Haunted Black Country' led by Ian Bott, will reveal secrets of the ghostly sightings around the area past and present.

It will take place at St Andrew's Church on February 11 at 7.30pm.

It will be part of the Sedgley Local History Society gathering.

Admission is free for members and £1 for non-members.

Thief to do bird after 40 pigeons are stolen

FEATHERS flew when police saw two pigeon thieves fleeing from the scene of their crime in the early hours.

They were both on bikes and each was carrying a full pillowcase when spotted by the officers on patrol at 3am on January 26 last year.

The pair dropped their bags in Darlaston Lane, Darlaston and split up in a bid to escape, Wolverhampton Crown Court was told.

"The police officers were amazed when a flock of pigeons flew into the air from the discarded pillow cases," said Mr David Iles, prosecuting.

The officers gave chase but only caught one of them, 32-year-old Paul Dunn. He had stolen 40 homing birds from sheds in the garden of a Willenhall home. The other culprit has not been traced.

Father-of-one Dunn, of Ryecroft, Walsall, had also stolen the gold bike he was riding from the address.

He admitted burglary and was sentenced to nine months in jail.

Mr Iles said: "Unfortunately one of the pigeons was run over and killed after escaping from the pillow case. Others returned to their loft but several are still missing.

"Twenty birds remained in the pillow cases from which they were collected by the police."

Father-of-one Dunn had several previous convictions for burglary.

Mr Benjamin Close, defending, said: "He feels that he has turned a bit of a corner in his life which is why he is so unhappy at having committed this offence."

Councillor calls for road safety

A COUNCILLOR is calling for a road in Willenhall to be made safer for pedestrians.

Willenhall North ward councillor Ian Shires said residents had approached him regarding a pedestrian crossing in Wesley Road.

The Liberal Democrat councillor said members of the nearby Methodist church and bus users had led the calls to get something done.

He said: "There is a blind bend at the end of the road where it meets with Coltham Road and there are also a couple of bus stops.

"I have contacted the council demanding they consider installing a pedestrian crossing between Cheniston Road and Bradgate Close to improve pedestrian safety in the area."

Legal eagles in quiz for Beacon

A CHARITY quiz in Walsall is being held to raise money for the Beacon Centre for the Blind in Sedgley.

Wolverhampton Law Society and Walsall Law Association have teamed up to run the event at the Village Hotel on February 24 at 7.30pm. The entry fee is £65 for a team of four.

Getting the Lowe-down on business



Governors Brian Lowe and Akshay Parikh

A SECTION of the new hub devoted to business has been named after the chairman of governors at Walsall College.

Walsall College's new centre, called The Hub, has now been officially launched after first opening its doors to the public last September.

Around 130 people attended and received a tour of the venue, including the conference, event and corporate training facilities, 40-seat bistro restaurant called The Littleton, state-of-the-art sports facilities and business start-up centre for new businesses.

The business hub was named after chairman of the governors Brian Lowe, who did a technical apprenticeship at the college before training others later in life.

Principal and chief executive at Walsall College, Jatinder Sharma OBE, said: "The launch of The Hub marks the start of a new era for Walsall in defining the future skills needed in our economy."

During the event the college hosted a panel discussion, led by Stewart Towe CBE, chairman and managing director of The Hadley Group.

The panel featured local industry leaders committed to increasing prosperity across the borough, including director of learning and development at HomeServe, Matt Hill and leader of Walsall Council, Councillor Mike Bird, as well as Mr Sharma.

Mr Towe said: "Skills development is critical to the continuing development of the Black Country."

Councillor Bird said: "Investing in sports facilities like these in The Hub are a huge benefit to residents as it will mean people living healthier lives."

Parents jailed over abuse to young son

A MOTHER and father have been jailed after their young son suffered horrific abuse at their home.

The boy, now aged three, suffered fractures to his skull, arm and shin and also had extensive bruising to his face, arm and leg.

At Wolverhampton Crown Court, judge James Burbidge told the pair from Walsall, who cannot be named, they had 'abused their position as parents'.

The father was jailed for 20 months while the mother was sentenced to 14 months.

The court heard how the abuse had started when the child was just nine months old. Judge Burbidge said the boy had been subjected to serious abuse on at least four occasions.

The boy's father, who is 24, was last month found guilty of three counts of causing or allowing serious harm to come to a child following a trial. He had earlier pleaded guilty to one charge of cruelty to a person under the age of 15.

The child's mother, 23, was found guilty of one count of causing or allowing serious harm to a child, having earlier pleaded guilty to two counts.

Damage

She also previously pleaded guilty to one count of cruelty to a person under the age of 15.

It is thought the boy will not suffer any lasting damage and is now at a safe foster home.

During the trial, the court heard how the child's father had told his partner to slap her son 'until it works', before the boy suffered a fractured skull and severe bruising.

The court also heard that social services were first alerted to the three-year-old's injuries when the mother had dropped one of them off at nursery. Staff had claimed the mother had tried to conceal facial injuries with a hat and clothing.

The father had admitted that he had lost his temper and slapped the child three times, causing bruising to his legs, but denied causing further injuries.

Judge Burbidge said both had failed their son. But he said he believed the couple were 'inadequate parents' rather than 'evil parents'.

"He was a young child, a baby really, and he should have been nurtured by both of you and cared for appropriately.

"Both abused your position as parents," he said.

Trophy named after former pupil



Nimir Chowdhury with house captains Charlie Staples, Amal Usman, Dami Babatolu and Asim Malik

A FORMER pupil has returned to launch a debating award named after him.

Nimir Chowdhury attended Blue Coat Infant and Junior Schools in Walsall and represented Blue Coat as a member of its debating team.

Since leaving, he has been elected on to the West Midlands' Youth Parliament and even instigated a debate in the Houses of Parliament over mental health.

Now 18, he is currently in his final A-level year at Queen Mary's Grammar School.

Nimir was elected to the Youth Parliament for the West Midlands and led and won a debate in the Houses of Parliament on the need to raise mental health awareness across the country.

He has also worked as a Youth Police Commissioner.

The Nimir Chowdhury Debating Award will be awarded each

year to a Blue Coat pupil who has demonstrated high levels of skill when representing the school in debating competitions.

Nimir has also offered to deliver some public speaking workshops to Blue Coat pupils.

He said: "I want Blue Coat pupils to continue to have every opportunity to develop their debating and public speaking abilities as these are such valuable skills."

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with Mark Andrews



Charity, yes but wrong person to promote it

NOW, I've never heard of the charity Survivors of Domestic Abuse before, but if it offers help and support for victims of marital violence then it sounds like a very worthy cause.

So why, when it was collecting money at Tesco in Stourbridge, did it choose "White Dee" Deirdre Kelly from Benefits Street to promote its fundraising effort? I know we live in a television-obsessed age, where anyone who has appeared on the small screen is now considered to be some kind of celebrity.

But does somebody, whose main claim to fame has been milking the benefits system for years on end, really make you want hand over your hard-earned cash? Surely they could have found a better ambassador.

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ACTOR Will Smith has spoken to clarify his boycott of last month's Oscars. Although I'm not sure 'clarify' is the word.

"The media creates the 'us and them' and for me there is no us and them, it's 'we'," he said. Don't really know what he is talking about, but might have guessed it would somehow be the media's fault.

"There's a regression of America in general of separatism ... so for me it's more about putting my hand up and reminding my community, the Hollywood community, that we have to lead. Diversity is America's superpower, that is what makes our country great, and in Hollywood we have to be pushing forward even in a time of wider regression."

I think that's luvvie speak for he wants Hollywood to ensure all communities are represented. And he's right.

This year's Oscars nominations were a disgrace. Ten categories, 221 nominations, and all from the same narrow group.

Not a single actor from the Black Country. I definitely won't be attending next year.

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BUT seriously though, amid all the eulogies to Sir Terry Wogan, the one comment that stood out was that he was the man who introduced 'the accent' to the airwaves.

Unashamedly proud of his Irishness, Wogan himself said his distinctive voice gave him a "classlessness" which meant he couldn't be pigeon-holed.

If only we were so enlightened when it comes to domestic accents. Sadly though, almost exactly half a century since he joined the BBC, there is still a perception that anybody with a Midland accent – regardless of their social background or educational achievement – is a figure of fun, okay for stand-up or playing the dimwit in sitcoms, but lacking authority when it comes to the serious stuff.

Want to do the difficult stuff? Better fake a Home Counties accent, old boy.

Clearly, some accents are more classless than others.



Joseph Leckie Academy pupils watch as Mindu addresses them



Auschwitz children liberated by the Soviet army in January 1945



Visitors at the main gate with the 'Arbeit macht frei' sign

Welcome to hell – my Auschwitz memories

One woman recounts her experiences of Nazi cruelty after living with horrors of the Holocaust for more than 70 years

WHEN 12-year-old Mindu Hornick was greeted at Auschwitz by corpses, starving prisoners and the smell of burning bodies, she thought she had entered hell itself.

Leaving her happy childhood behind, Mindu, along with her mother, sister and two brothers, was rounded up and taken to the concentration camp by the Nazis.

While she and her sister Eva, then aged 14, would survive – Mindu, who now lives in Edgbaston, Birmingham, would never see her mother and brothers again.

Speaking at Joseph Leckie Academy in Walsall, Mindu, now aged 86, told pupils of her haunting experience. "As soon as I was admitted to the main camp the sight that greeted us will stay with me for the rest of my life," she said. "There were corpses everywhere, emaciated people in striped uniforms wandering around aimlessly. The smell from the burning crematorium, the dead all around us.

Painful

"The entire area was enclosed by electrified barbed wire fence. We thought we had entered hell. The realisation we would not see our mother and little brothers again is too painful to describe." Mindu explained how she became 'less than human' as she was marched off to be prepared for almost inevitable murder. "We were stripped naked, our hair was shaven and we were tattooed with a number," she said.

"From then on we had no name. We were given a dress and clothes but no underwear. The sleeping quarters already held one thousand women. The beds were three tier and slept eight people.

"But that night they were all occupied. We had no choice to sit all night on the stone floor. We had no water to wash or drink. No sanitation. There were all kinds of diseases



Auschwitz survivor Mindu Hornick seen during her presentation to pupils, recounting the horrors she had to face as a young girl

including an epidemic of typhoid." Mindu had enjoyed a happy childhood in a small town in Czechoslovakia with her family until her father was drafted to dig trenches for the German army in 1941. After one visit she never saw him again. Then a year later her family, with other Jewish members of the community, were rounded up, loaded into lorries before being packed into cattle carriages on a train to Auschwitz-Birkenau.

Mindu, now a grandmother of two, explained how upon arrival Jews were either sent left to be put in the main camp where they may be put to work, or to the right where they would be immediately killed.

The latter was the fate which befell her mother, but before that a Polish officer had convinced her to send her two daughters ahead and instructed Mindu and Eva to lie about their age claiming they were 17 and 19.

Ultimately it saved their lives. After several months Mindu and Eva were transported to an underground ammunition factory in the woodlands. Whilst there they were exposed to dangerous working conditions having to pour boiling hot gun solution into containers with no protective clothing, which left many women with perforated lungs. But at least it was not a death camp.

And they did not have to endure the hellish daily roll calls which Mindu described as the 'selection to live or die'. In May 1945 they were loaded onto a passenger train with their Nazi officers not knowing whether their next destination would be their last.

But Allied troops bombed the train unaware that Jewish slaves were on board. Half of the women being transported were killed in the attack a day before liberation. In the immediate aftermath of the Second World War Mindu

and her sister returned to Prague in desperate hope to locate other survivors.

But in 1948 she was forced to flee during the Soviet occupation which is when she came to Birmingham to live with an aunt and uncle.

When asked by students how she survived Auschwitz Mindu's simple reply was 'sheer luck'. Two years ago Mindu returned to the concentration camp. She said it stirred up 'terrible' feelings but the visit ultimately gave her a semblance of closure. "It was a stark reminder of what happened to me there all those years ago," she said.

Mindu added: "When I was younger I didn't think about the experience a lot but as I got older time makes them memories come back. Survivors like me tell their personal stories in hope that the people who hear them remember and do not stand by in the face of injustice in the future."

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Closure would rip heart out of estate

MANY hundreds of words have been written or said, since proposals were made last year to close libraries in Walsall. A bold statement which I feel hasn't taken into account, the impact it would have on the local community.

The Library I use is located within the Beechdale Lifelong Learning Centre, which is also under threat of closure. The fairly new building is at the heart of the estate, open six days a week, and offers a wide range of social and educational activities.

There is a well-attended youth club, martial arts, indoor bowls, indoor foot-

ball and a luncheon club for older residents, as well as a very busy nursery facility, as well as groups using the facilities for interests such as genealogy, local history and healthy eating.

A fundraising group offers weekly prize bingo, as well as fairs raising money for the Beechdale community, funding worthy causes.

If the council was to close the Beechdale centre/library facility, all the good work achieved over the past years would go. The ageing population are adamant that they would not travel to Bloxwich Library, which coincidentally,

is not on a bus route from the estate. Beechdale JMI School closed some years ago. The local 'academy' continues to languish near the bottom of the school league tables; concerned parents are worried about their child's future. Bright children use the books and computer facilities within the library, for homework. Beechdale has been neglected by the local authority, the majority of residents want to live in a community that can provide the facilities anyone would expect.

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No veiled opinion on clothing

IN response to E Bates letter 23/1/16 disagreeing with Peter Rhodes' views on Muslim women wearing the veil, I have to agree one hundred per cent with Mr Rhodes. For a start wearing the veil or full face hijab is nothing to do with religion or beliefs, it is to do with male domination of their women being told to cover up in public.

Secondly if I were to walk into a bank or other premises wearing a crash helmet I would probably be asked to remove it or leave! This country until recent years has always been predominantly Christian but suddenly we are allowing other religions to dominate us to the extent that we are afraid to ask the veil wearers to remove it for fear of being classed as racist. What could lie underneath this form of clothing we do not know.

Perhaps we should follow the French and make wearing this garb illegal.

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Calling for helpers to manage cash tins

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The charity needs more people to help manage collection tins in shops, bars and restaurants throughout the area especially in Walsall/Great Barr and surrounding areas. The money raised from these tins helps to provide one-to-one nursing care for terminally ill in their own home.

Tracey Finnegan, Local Community Fundraiser said: "Looking after the collection tins is a really effective way to help support local Marie Curie nurses. We've got tins out in shops and pubs but no-one to look after them, so they aren't raising as much money as they could."

The more money that is raised, the more people in Walsall/Great Barr and surrounding areas living with a terminal illness can access free Marie Curie nursing care, enabling them to be at home, surrounded by their families and the things they hold most dear in their final days.

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Had to re-mortgage his house - what a way to say thank you to our soldier.

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£5k penalty for bakery over mice droppings

A BAKERY which showed a 'disregard for public safety' and was temporarily closed after mouse droppings were found on site has been ordered to pay more than £5,000.

Polish bakery Mazowsze, on Bloxwich Lane Industrial Estate, Walsall, was forced to close last February after the rodent droppings were found throughout the premises.

As well as finding faeces on floors, pallets and racking, an environmental health inspection revealed a failure to protect food against contamination which was likely to render the food unfit for human consumption.

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The company admitted two offences and was subsequently fined £2,500 for failure to keep the premises clean, £2,000 for failure to protect food from contamination and also ordered to pay £1,258.74 costs, with a victim surcharge of £20.

David Elrlington environmental health manager, said: "This kind of disregard for public safety will not be tolerated."

Mazowsze started in 2006 and a description of

By Jordan Harris

the company on its website reads: "Listening to the expectations of our customers, we strive to meet their expectations in terms of both taste and health. They say that the warehouse can say a lot about bakery itself, so adhering to our motto naturally healthy, we offer bread manufactured according to traditional recipes and only with natural ingredients."

No-one from the bakery was available for comment.

The bakery is the latest in a string of establishments across the borough to be hit with fines or warnings over health and safety issues.

More than 15,000 concerns have been raised about environmental health issues with Walsall Council over the last two years.

Dog takes the lead in reading scheme



The Year of Reading scheme is launched at Bloxwich Library with children's author Steve Smallman and mascot Woody

A NEW reading scheme has been launched by Walsall Council - with an English setter as its mascot.

Woody the dog was on hand to launch the Year of Reading initiative at Bloxwich Library alongside children's author Steve Smallman. Reading champions will be created in each borough school and there will be events and competitions being held throughout the year to promote reading.

Woody will go round the schools encouraging children to read with his motto: "To make your reading better, just follow the English Setter."

He has already visited Pool Hayes Arts and Community School in Willenhall.

Councillor Chris Towe, portfolio holder for education services said: "2016 is the Year of Reading in Walsall and Woody is ambassador for the borough. He's a great talking point amongst the children."

Anne Wise, Bloxwich library's co-ordinator for children and young people, added: "Hopefully the initiative will gain momentum throughout the year as more and more people get involved."

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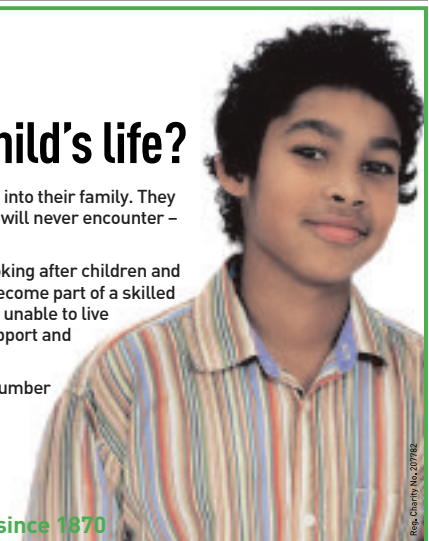
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Oliver leads the dream of playing for country

A FOOTBALL-mad four-year-old is hoping to finally fulfil his dreams of becoming an England footballer, after receiving specialist treatment at Birmingham Children's Hospital.

Oliver Baker-Clare, of Reedswood, Walsall, was born with a condition commonly known as 'club foot', but after years of successful treatment, he has now swapped his 'special boots' for a pair of real football ones.

At just a week old, Oliver underwent surgery, followed by weekly rounds of treatment involving gentle manipulation of the foot and regular changing of leg casts.

At three months, he was fitted with a pair of special boots, fixed in position by a bar, which needed to be worn for 23 hours a day up until he was six-months-old. Since then and up until just last week, Oliver wore the boots for 12 hours a day.

Dreaming

Oliver, who attends Woodlands Academy of Learning in Willenhall, no longer needs his 'special boots' and is able to take to the field, dreaming of one day not only pulling on an England shirt, but also wearing the jersey of his beloved Leeds United. He and his dad Gary, aged 34, regularly attend games at Elland Road together.

Mother Sam, aged 30, who helps run the family plastering business with her husband, said: "Oliver is such a resilient little boy who has gone through such a lot already. Throughout everything he's remained strong and happy."

"He hasn't stopped smiling since last week when his special boots were no longer needed. We're just so proud



Oliver as young baby



Oliver wearing his 'special boots'



Enjoying a game at Elland Road of him. He loves football. He's absolutely fanatical about Leeds United, like his dad, and plays for the academy of a local team, Bloxwich Rangers."

Mr Hari Prem, Orthopaedic Consultant at Birmingham Children's Hospital, said: "The methods involved in treating Oliver's condition have



The Leeds United fan is kitted out a very high success rate but they do take time.

"We're delighted that Oliver's made it through his journey and is now able to do the things children of his age enjoying doing, like playing football."

"He has been very courageous and patient."

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Boating pool to be filled in due to cleaning costs

A BOATING lake at Chasewater, near Brownhills, which was drained for cleaning will be filled in permanently because it is too expensive to clean the duck poo out.

Ducks ended up settling at the pool next to the Innovation Centre after visitors were stopped feeding them near the edge of the reservoir.

But as a result, the ducks' poo built up in the lake, raising fears it was damaging protected plant life in the connecting reservoir and it was drained. Now council bosses have said the pool, which once featured an island, will be filled in.

Councillor Mark Winnington, environment chief at Staffordshire County Council which owns Chasewater, said: "When the county council took over the management of Chasewater in 2014 we found two problems with the model boating pool.

Important

"One was that the valve which released water from the pool into Chasewater Reservoir was broken. The second was that because people were regularly feeding the ducks they had settled there and as there was no water flow the lake was silting up quite heavily.

"Chasewater Reservoir is designated as a Site of Special Scientific Interest because it has some nationally important features, including its aquatic plants, which we have a duty to preserve. Those plants thrive in certain conditions found in Chasewater Reservoir. So even if we repaired the valve, periodic heavy discharges of the silt could change the environment and damage the plants."

The county council drained the pool to clean it out but stated it would be too costly to do the same on a regular basis.

Lichfield District Council has



The pool at Chasewater, Brownhills which is now to be completely filled in



Swans and ducks seen in the boating pool from a few years ago

granted permission for the lake, which was also used for canoeing, to be filled in, grassed and landscaped.

Ideas as to what to do with it are now being touted with one proposal to create a 'fitness trail' being discussed.

Councillor Winnington added: "In the end we had to drain the pool and

dig out the silt. Burntwood and Norton Canes parish councils support the plan, county councillors Sue Woodward and Jeff Sheriff are contributing towards the work from their 'local fund' and we are looking at options for the site, including, perhaps, some sort of 'fitness trail'."

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Ron Hadley, left and a young Maurice Oakley with the 1911 Austin town carriage which had been damaged in 1963



From left, Jack Jones, foreman at Brade-Leigh Products in Great Bridge with Maurice and Ronald and the Austin

Austin carriage revs back into Maurice's life half a century on

LITTLE could the young Maurice Oakley have known when he put the finishing touches to repairs to a bashed up 1911 Austin town carriage in May 1963 that he would get to see it again more than 50 years on.

Mind you, he could not have known either that a photograph showing him and his colleague Ron Hadley, who is on the left, working on the vehicle at Brade-Leigh Products at Great Bridge would re-emerge all those years later too.

"I couldn't believe it," said Mr Oakley, of Hamstead, Road, Great Barr. He remembers the repair job well. I was 23 then, and it had been in a smash, and came into Brade-Leigh Products to be repaired. It belonged to Longbridge [the Austin Motor Co], and was being transported from Longbridge, going to a show or something

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Report by Alex Ross

like that, and was on a low loader or a mid low loader. What I remember is that it went under a low bridge and it smashed the top over.

"It was hit at the top of the roof above the driver and it buckled part of the roof. One or both doors had to be repaired.

"I had to replace some broken and damaged timbers. I was a commercial body builder."

Mr Oakley, who lived in those days in Dudley Street, West Bromwich, and earned 6s 2d a week as a coach builder, recalls of the vehicle: "It's like what you would see on Downton Abbey, in which the posh lady went to town with the driver."

Not long ago he got to wondering what had become of the vehicle, and with a bit of searching on the internet tracked it down to the Heritage Motor Centre at Gaydon, Warwickshire, where it

is part of the museum collection. "It was hard to believe. My daughter got a number for Gaydon. I rang them up. There's a curator there, Steve Laing, and I was telling him about the car. He didn't know it had been in a smash in 1963 and looked all through his records and couldn't find anything about this car being damaged.

"He asked if there was any chance of me coming down and bringing any photos and literature, and that we could have a chat, which I did, about a month ago.

Mr Oakley was able to run his expert eye over the vehicle with which he had such a personal association. "It was very strange standing there. You can see part of it where it could have been worked on again to bring it up to scratch. I think they will probably leave it as it is rather than start disturbing things."

Mr Oakley, often known by his colleagues by the nickname 'Mossa', says he would love to hear from anybody he used to work with all those years ago. Mr Oakley is on 0121 358 1961.



Maurice comes face to face with the carriage 50 years later at the Heritage Motor Centre

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Tonight - February 13
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Ken Dodd




Sunday, 7pm
Prince Of Wales, Cannock

A true British institution, Ken Dodd has been making people laugh for decades. His stand-up shows are the stuff of legend, often going on well past midnight.

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Private Lives



Monday - Feb 13
New Alexandra Theatre, B'ham

A revival of Noel Coward's sophisticated comedy stars Tom Chambers in the 1930s story about divorcees who meet on honeymoon with new spouses.

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Sun at 7pm,
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Horrible Histories: Groovy Greeks
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Out Of Chaos: Macbeth
Thu at 8pm,
mac, Cannon Hill Road, Birmingham, B12 9QH.
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Who's Afraid Of Virginia Woolf?
Tue - Thu at 7.30pm
Stafford Gatehouse Theatre, ST16 2LT.
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Fri at 10.30am, 1.30pm,
Stafford Gatehouse Theatre, ST16 2LT.
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Of Mice And Men
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Freezin
Sat at 7.30pm,
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Gary Clarke Company: Coal
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DanceXchange, Birmingham, B5 4TB.
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Fri at 11am, 3pm, Sat at 1pm,
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Private Lives
Mon - Thu at 7.30pm,
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Call 0844 871 3011

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Matthew Bourne's Sleeping Beauty
Tue at 7.30pm, Wed at 2pm, 7.30pm, Thu at 7.30pm, £18.50 - £42.50
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Spring Fair
Sun at 9am - 4pm, Free
The NEC, Birmingham, B40 1NT.
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Check out full listings in **the ticket** in Friday's Express & Star

The Jersey Boys are back in town

ONE of the West End's biggest hits of recent years, **Jersey Boys**, is at Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre from Tuesday to Saturday, February 20.

Whilst still packing them into the Piccadilly Theatre in London, the touring production about the career of American pop group The Four Seasons, starring Matt Corner as Frankie Valli, is a surefire crowd-pleaser.

Full of Four Seasons hits from the golden era of pop in the 1960s and 70s, it also pulls no punches in its story about how a bunch of New Jersey boys who seemed destined to become crooks and gangsters took the music world by storm, but at some considerable personal cost.

Worldwide

Sam Ferriday will play Bob Gaudio, Lewis Griffiths is Nick Massi and Stephen Webb is Tommy DeVito, all continuing in their roles from previous tour dates. Michael Pickering will join the cast to play the role of Frankie Valli at certain performances.

Also joining the touring cast will be Mark Heenehan as Gyp DeCarlo, Joel Elferink as Bob Crewe, Joe Maxwell as Norm Waxman and Samantha Hull as Francine.

Jersey Boys has been seen by more 22 million people worldwide and is firmly established as one of London's most popular shows. It was also turned into a movie by actor/director Clint Eastwood.

The Four Seasons sold 100 million records worldwide, all before they turned 30. The show includes all the



Sam Ferriday, Stephen Webb, Matt Corner and Lewis Griffiths in *Jersey Boys*

major hits, including Sherry, Walk Like A Man, December, 1963 (Oh What a Night), Big Girls Don't Cry, My Eyes Adored You, Beggin', Let's Hang On (To What We've Got), Bye Bye Baby, Can't Take My Eyes Off You, Working My Way Back To You, Rag Doll and Who Loves You.

Written by Marshall Brickman and Rick Elice, *Jersey Boys* has won Olivier and Tony awards for Best New Musical, among 57 major awards worldwide.

See www.grandtheatre.co.uk for further details or call the box office on 01902 429 212.

Ballet gets a revamp-ire

A GOTHIC romance from the choreographer who created the male dancers' *Swan Lake* and passionate ballet *The Car Man* is set to thrill audiences at Birmingham Hippodrome from Tuesday to Saturday.

Danced to the music of Tchaikovsky, Matthew Bourne's *Sleeping Beauty* takes the familiar fairy story and twists it into a dazzling whirl of punk fairies and vampires. It goes from the opulent Edwardian era to modern day, delivered with irreverent humour and lots of style and vigour.

Created for his New Adventures company's 25th birthday in 2012, *Sleeping Beauty* was a hit at the Hippodrome a year later and this revival comes to Birmingham after a successful run at London Sadler's Wells.

Returning to the central role of Aurora is rising star Ashley Shaw, a role shared with Cordelia Braithwaite in her first principal role with New Adventures. Her hero Leo will once again be played by Bromsgrove-born dancer Chris Trenfield and Dominic North, who has appeared in more New Adventures productions than any other dancer. North was nominated as Outstanding Male Dancer at The National Dance Awards for his performance as Edward Scissorhands.

The twin roles of Dark Fairy Carabosse and her sinister son Caradoc will be shared by two of New Adventures' most charismatic performers, Adam Maskell and Tom Clark, the latter making his debut in a principal role.

For more information see www.birminghamhippodrome.com or for tickets call 0844 338 5000.



Dance highlights at Symphony Hall

THE Royal Ballet Sinfonia takes centre stage at Birmingham's Symphony Hall on Saturday in an evening celebrating classic balletic highlights.

Compered by Birmingham Royal Ballet's director David Bintley, the evening will include music and dance excerpts from some of the company's most famous productions, such as David Bintley's *The Seasons*, Frederick Ashton's *The Dream*, and Kenneth Macmillan's *Romeo and Juliet*. The latter is being performed at Birmingham Hippodrome later this month.

The evening will also include a performance by students from Birmingham's Elmhurst School for Dance. See www.thsh.co.uk

All-star jazz band in Art Blakey tribute

MARKING the passing of jazz great Art Blakey 25 years ago, saxophonist Jean Toussaint brings his Roots and Herbs combo to celebrate and explore the music of the Blue Note legend and his Jazz Messengers.

The gig at Wolverhampton University's Arena venue tomorrow night (Fri) will feature an all-star line-up of trombonist Dennis Rollins, pianist Julian Joseph, trumpeter Byron Wallen, Daniel Casimir on bass and drummer Shane Forbes. See the arena@wlv.ac.uk website.

That's the same night veteran crooner Jack Jones performs his Jack Sings Frank tribute to Sinatra at the Symphony Hall.

US rock invasion at city gig venues

GIG highlights include Nashville rockers The Cadillac Three at Digbeth's O2 Institute tonight (Thu), with metal super-group The Winery Dogs at the same venue tomorrow night.

Texan rockers Bowling For Soup play Brum's O2 Academy on Saturday, Arizona metal outfit Soufly are at Wolverhampton's Slade Rooms on Sunday. Mid-80s drummer with punk legends The Ramones, Richie Ramone, has a gig at the Robin 2 in Bilston on Monday.

London rapper Loyle Carner plays the Hare And Hounds in Kings Heath on Tuesday, the same night fuzz rockers Ulrika Spacek are in the other room.

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John Inverdale

Live Six Nations Rugby Union (BBC1, 4.30pm)

Scotland v England (Kick-off 4.50pm). John Inverdale is at Murrayfield to introduce coverage of the Calcutta Cup tie, as the rivals play their first match of this year's tournament. Scotland's record in this fixture in recent years is quite dismal, but this year they can enter the encounter with confidence following a much-improved showing at the 2015 World Cup and the undoubted progress made under coach Vern Cotter. England, in contrast, are starting over again following their early exit from that tournament, which resulted in Eddie Jones taking over as coach from Stuart Lancaster, and Jones has named an exciting, new-look squad captained by Dylan Hartley.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Mary Berry's Foolproof Cooking. (R) **12.00** BBC News; Weather. **12.10** Football Focus. **12.50** Saturday Sportsday. **1.00** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.30** Live Six Nations Rugby Union. France v Italy (Kick-off 2.25pm). **4.30** Live Six Nations Rugby Union. Scotland v England (Kick-off 4.50pm). **6.55** BBC News. **7.05** Regional Programme. **7.15** **The Voice UK.** Paloma Faith, Boy George, Will.i.am and Ricky Wilson appraise the talents of more would-be stars as the spinning-chair singing contest continues. As the fifth set of "blind auditions" gets under way, Vangelis from London performs a rendition of the Culture Club hit *Do You Really Want to Hurt Me*. The coaches also assess the talents of Mari Marli, who sings Will.i.am's own *Bang Bang*, and 19-year-old Durham busker Chloe Castro. Plus, four-time Britain's Strongest Woman winner Geirna Magnusson takes to the stage. **8.30** **The National Lottery: Win Your Wish List.** New series. Shane Richie returns with the dream prize game show, giving more couples a chance to pick a selection of perfect rewards to make up their personal wish lists, all of which have a connection to their shared history together. The contest begins as Phil and Sian from Liverpool attempt to win their chosen items. Plus, Ronan Keating performs in the studio, and joins Gabby Roslin to push the button in the all-important Lotto and Thunderball draws. **9.20** **Casualty.** Ethan has managed to put aside his dissatisfaction with NHS restrictions, and is back in full swing in the ED. The development comes as welcome news for Lily, and the pair join forces to help a girl with autism get the family support she desperately needs. However, just as Ethan begins to settle back down to work, it appears his world is about to be shaken to its core. **10.10** BBC News; Weather. **10.30** **Match of the Day.** Gary Lineker presents; National Lottery Update. **11.55** **Race to Super Bowl 50.** **12.25** Film: *Man of the Year*. (2006) **2.15** Weather for the Week Ahead. **2.20** BBC News.

BBC2

6.15 Film: *Tension at Table Rock*. (1956) **7.45** Film: *The Red Beret*. (1953) **9.10** Animal Park. (R) **10.10** *Homes Under the Hammer*. (R) **11.10** *Natural World*. (R) **12.00** James Martin: *Home Comforts*. (R) **12.45** Rick Stein's *India*. (R) **1.45** *Holiday of My Lifetime* with Len Goodman. (R) **2.30** *Escape to the Country*. (R) **3.30** *Flag It!* (R) **4.30** *Final Score*. **5.25** *Earth's Greatest Spectacles*. (R) **6.25** **Back in Time for the Weekend.** The Ashby-Hawkins family give up their 21st century technology and travel back in time to discover the radical transformation of our leisure time since 1950. Guided by presenter Giles Coren and social historian Polly Russell, the family's experience is underpinned by The Family Expenditure Survey, a government study which ran from the 1950s through to 1999. In the first episode, dad Rob finds out that he's expected to be handy with a tool kit, while mum Steph comes to terms with all the washing, cooking and cleaning expected of a 1950s housewife. Meanwhile, 16-year-old Daisy learns ballroom dancing courtesy of Angela Rippon, and 12-year-old Seth discovers the great outdoors. (R) **7.25** **King George and Queen Mary: The Royals Who Rescued the Monarchy.** Part two of two. Queen Mary's rise to the throne from a comparatively low position within the royal hierarchy, after being selected for the role by Queen Victoria. (R) **8.25** **Dad's Army.** Captain Mainwaring has too much to drink during a weekend course with Captain Square, but still manages to save Jonesy's life. (R) **9.00** **The Real Marigold Hotel.** The group settle into life in their base in Jaipur, India, as Wayne Sleep and Bobby George have a cut-throat shave and a trip to the Taj Mahal brings Miriam Margolyes to tears. (R) **10.00** **Live at the Apollo.** Romesh Ranganathan comperes an evening of stand-up at London's Hammersmith Apollo, performing himself and introducing routines by guests Jason Byrne and Stewart Francis. (R) **11.15** Film: *Tim*. (1979) **1.00** Film: *My Afternoons with Marguerite*. (2010) **2.15** *This Is BBC Two*.

ITV

6.00 CITY: *Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge*. **6.25** *Pat & Stan*. (R) **6.35** *Dino Dan*. (R) **6.45** *Dino Dan*. (R) **7.00** *Signed Stories: Share a Story*. (R) **7.05** *Sooty*. (R) **7.15** *Super 4*. (R) **7.30** *Scrambled!*: *Scrambled!*. **7.35** *Scrambled!*: *Mr Bear: The Animated Series*. (R) **7.50** *Scrambled!*: *Horrid Henry*. (R) **8.10** *Scrambled!*: *Nerds & Monsters*. **8.30** *Scrambled!*: *Jessie*. **9.05** *Scrambled!*: *The Tom & Jerry Show*. (R) **9.25** *ITV News*. **9.30** *Murder, She Wrote*. (R) **10.20** *The Jeremy Kyle Show USA*. **11.15** *The Jeremy Kyle Show*. **12.15** *ITV News*; Weather. **12.20** *The Jeremy Kyle Show*. **1.25** *Judge Rinder*. (R) **2.25** *Tipping Point*. (R) **3.30** *Doc Martin*. (R) **4.30** *The Martin Lewis Money Show*. (R) **5.00** *The Chase*. (R) **6.00** **Regional Programme**; Weather. **6.15** **ITV News**; Weather. **6.30** **New You've Been Framed!** More comical mishaps, including a building crashing a luxury sports car and a tree that manages to topple a motorcyclist. **7.00** *Ninja Warrior UK*. Ben Shephard, Rochelle Humes and Chris Kamara host the second semi-final, challenging more returning contestants to face the infamous obstacle course once again. **8.00** **Take Me Out.** Paddy McGuinness provides four more potential suitors for his 30 single ladies. This time, the men braving the "love lift" are James, a commodities trader from Leeds, Leamington Spa student Ben, Manchester-based circus performer Josh and Ian, a digital developer from Portsmouth. As ever, the would-be Romeos must present themselves to female panel in the hope that they'll keep their lights on as a sign of approval. Plus, Paddy provides an update from last week's couples on the Isle of Fernandos. **9.20** **The Jonathan Ross Show.** The host subjects another batch of celebrity guests to no-holds-barred questioning. Plus, musical performances by A-list bands and solo artists. **10.20** **ITV News**; Weather. **10.40** Film: *Jurassic Park III*. (2001) Action adventure sequel, starring Sam Neill, William H Macy and Tea Leoni. **12.15** *Jackpot247*. **3.00** *Murder, She Wrote*. (R) **3.50** *ITV Nightscreen*.

CHANNEL 4

8.25 *Everybody Loves Raymond*. (R) **9.00** *The Morning Line*. **10.00** *Frasier*. (R) **10.30** *Frasier*. (R) **11.00** *The Big Bang Theory*. (R) **11.30** *The Big Bang Theory*. (R) **12.00** *The Big Bang Theory*. (R) **12.30** *Marvel's Agents of SHIELD*. **1.30** *Channel 4 Racing*. Live coverage from Sandown Park, Ffos Las and Wetherby. **4.00** *Come Dine with Me*. (R) **4.25** *Come Dine with Me*. (R) **5.00** *Come Dine with Me*. (R) **5.30** *Come Dine with Me*. (R) **6.00** *Come Dine with Me*. (R) **6.30** **Channel 4 News**. **7.00** **Great Canal Journeys.** Timothy West and Prunella Scales go to Ireland and travel along the Shannon Erne Waterway, a canal linking the North to the South. Along the way, they try some traditional dancing and folk singing, visit historic sites including Crom Castle and Bloody Pass, and meet a genealogist with a fascinating story to tell. Last in the series. (R) **8.00** **Walking Through Time.** Palaeontologist Dr Tori Herridge investigates the natural disaster that destroyed the massive chalk land-bridge that once connected Britain to continental Europe 450,000 years ago. Beginning her inquiries in Norfolk, she discovers what life was like before the ancient mega-flood, where she meets an amateur palaeontologist who uncovered the biggest mammoth skeleton ever found, and examines the 850,000-year-old footprints of an early human family perfectly preserved in prehistoric mud. She then travels to Kent and the white cliffs of Dover to detail how the mega-flood happened, joining an "oceanographic" expedition seeking to document evidence of this cataclysm found on the bed of the English Channel. **9.00** **Film: Prisoners.** (2013) Premiere. Police question a man in relation to the disappearance of two children, but can find no evidence of wrongdoing. However, the distraught father of one of the missing youngsters is not convinced of his innocence, and kidnaps the suspect to force him into a confession. Thriller, starring Hugh Jackman. **12.00** Film: *Friday the 13th*. (2009) **1.45** *Hollyoaks*. (R) **3.55** *Undercover Boss Canada*. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 *Milkshake!* **8.55** *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles*. (R) **9.30** *The Saturday Show*. **11.35** *Funnist Fails, Falls & Flops*. (R) **12.00** *Police Interceptors*. (R) **1.00** *Police Interceptors*. (R) **2.00** *Now That's Funny!* (R) **3.00** *Benefits, Babies & Jail*. (R) **4.00** *Benefits: Can't Work*. *Won't Work*. (R) **5.00** *Benefits: 19 Kids and Counting* the Cost. (R) **6.00** **Celebs on Benefits: Fame to Claim.** Documentary following former Corrie star Bruce Jones (Les Battersby) and one-time Big Brother contestant Lisa Appleton, who have gone from signing autographs to signing on the dole. (R) **6.55** **5 News Weekend**. **7.00** **World War II in Colour.** Examining Mussolini's decision to push Italy's forces into North Africa, and looking at the air and sea battles for control of the strategically vital Mediterranean island of Malta. (R) **8.00** **America's Hidden Pyramid City: Ancient Mysteries.** A team of experts uses cutting-edge technology to examine the history of an ancient Native American civilisation that built a metropolis in what is now Illinois. (R) **9.00** **The Championship: Football League Tonight.** Kelly Cates and George Riley present extended highlights of the weekend's top matches from the Championship, which included Burnley v Hull City and Middlesbrough v Blackburn Rovers. **10.00** **Goal Rush: Football League Tonight.** Kelly Cates and George Riley present a round-up of all the goals and talking points from League One and League Two, as well as a look at the latest league tables. **10.30** **Law & Order: Special Victims Unit.** The detectives are forced to rely on an officer from another district when a rape victim refuses to talk to anyone but him, while introductions to the new ADA go badly. (R) **11.25** **Law & Order: Special Victims Unit.** An ex-financier is questioned about the murder of his girlfriend – but the focus of the investigation gradually shifts to the CEO of a dating website. (R) **12.15** *SuperCasino*. **3.10** *Celebrity Botched Up Bodies*. (R) **4.00** *Celebrity Big Brother: The Good, the Bad and the Outrageous*. (R) **4.50** *House Doctor*. (R)

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BBC Three **7.00** *Great Movie Mistakes III: Not in 3D* **7.05** *Don't Tell the Bride* **8.05** *Top Gear Vietnam Special* **9.20** Film: *Meet the Parents* (2000) **11.05** *Russell Howard's Good News* **11.30** *Family Guy* **1.00** *Russell Howard's Good News* **1.30** *Siblings* **2.00** *The Revolution Will be Televised* **3.00** *Far Right and Proud: Reggie Yates' Extreme Russia* **4.00** *Close BBC Four* **7.00** *How Earth Made Us* **8.00** *Shipwrecks: Britain's Sunken History* **9.00** *The Young Montalbano* **10.45** *Annabel's Nightclub: A String of Naked Lightbulbs* **11.45** *Je t'aime: The Story of French Song with Petula Clark* **12.45** *Shirley Bassey at the BBC* **1.45** *Top of the Pops: 1981* **3.10** *Sounds of the Eighties* **3.55** *Close* **ITV2** **11.10** *Ninja Warrior UK* **12.10** *Scorpion* **1.05** *You've Been Framed!* *Gold Full Throttle* **2.10** Film: *Mr Bean's Holiday* (2007) **4.00** Film: *Beethoven* (1992) **5.50** *Celebrity Catchphrase* **6.50** Film: *The Mummy Returns* (2001) **9.20** *Take Me Out – The Gossip* **10.20** *The Keith Lemon Sketch Show* **10.50** Film: *Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street* (2008) **1.10** *Beowulf: Return to the Shieldlands* **2.10** *Reality Bites* **2.45** *Teleshopping* **5.45** *ITV2 Nightscreen* **ITV3** **1.50** *The Return of Sherlock Holmes* **4.00** Film: *Dunkirk* (1958) **6.00** *Live FIA Formula E Championship*. *The Buenos Aires ePrix*. **8.30** *Storage Wars* **9.00** Film: *Escape from New York* (1981) **11.05** Film: *The Return* (2006) **12.50** Film: *Red Heat* (1988) **2.50** *ITV4 Nightscreen* **3.00** *Teleshopping* **5.15** *Revenge* **ITV4** **3.05** *The Goldbergs* **4.00** *Brooklyn Nine-Nine* **5.00** *The Big Bang Theory* **9.00** Film: *Bridesmaids* (2011) **11.30** *Gogglebox* **1.35** *Virtually Famous* **2.20** *The Interveners* **3.15** *The IT Crowd* **4.05** *2 Broke Girls* **4.30** *Rules of Engagement* **5.15** *Revenge* **Film4** **11.00** *California Man* (1992) **1.00** *Horton Hears a Who!* (2008) **2.40** *Chocolat* (2000) **5.00** *City of Ember* (2008) **6.45** *Shallow Hal* (2001) **9.00** *Salt* (2010) **10.55** *ATM* (2012)

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CHOICE



Patrick Kielty's Mulholland Drive (BBC2, 10pm)
Patrick Kielty's journey to find the truth about William Mulholland, who was responsible for building Los Angeles' water infrastructure and providing a water supply that allowed the city to grow into one of the largest in the world. Patrick's family all worked for the water company in Northern Ireland and upon discovering that the man who gave LA its water was from Belfast, decided to find out why he isn't globally recognised.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. 7.35 Match of the Day. (R) 9.00 The Andrew Marr Show. 10.00 The Big Questions. 11.00 Regional Programme. 12.15 Bargain Hunt. (R) 1.00 BBC News: Weather. 1.15 Homes Under the Hammer. (R) 2.15 Escape to the Country. (R) 3.15 The Great Sport Relief Bake Off. (R) 4.15 Songs of Praise. 4.50 Pointless Celebrities. (R) 5.35 Nature's Miracle Orphans. 6.35 BBC News. 6.50 Regional Programme. 7.00 Countryfile. Ellie Harrison and Matt Baker explore Tyne and Wear, visiting a lighthouse currently being restored and a country park on the site of an old coal mine that is now home to a variety of wildlife and a cattle farm, as well as looking for glass smoothed by the tide in Seaham. Olympic boxer Nicola Adams reveals her favourite countryside destination. Adam Henson meets some of Suffolk's country breeds, and Tom Heap investigates Britain's flood defences. Including Weather For The Week Ahead. 8.00 Call the Midwife. Sister Julianne has an eye-opening experience on a maternity ward, and a young man from Poplar is accepted into university – but an unexpected development threatens his dreams. 9.00 War and Peace. Charles descends on Moscow as the French army attacks the city. The Rostovs realise they are in danger and flee for their lives. Natasha finds herself with an unexpected travelling companion, and sees a last chance to make amends. Sonya is asked by the countess to make a sacrifice for her family. Traumatized by his experiences on the battlefield, Pierre resolves to stay behind and fight the invaders, and as he struggles through a hard winter, the scenes of horror and kindness he witnesses change his outlook on life. Last in the series. 10.20 BBC News. 10.40 Regional Programme. 10.50 Match of the Day 2. Jason Mohammad reviews the day's Premier League action. 11.55 Film: In the Valley of Elah. (2007) Drama, starring Tommy Lee Jones, Charlize Theron and Susan Sarandon. 1.45 Weather for the Week Ahead. 1.50 BBC News.

BBC2

6.05 The A to Z of TV Gardening. (R) 6.50 The A to Z of TV Gardening. (R) 7.35 The Secret History of the British Garden. 8.35 Countryfile. (R) 9.30 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. 11.00 Best Bakes Ever. (R) 11.45 Race to Super Bowl 50. (R) 12.15 MOTD Extra. 1.00 Film: We Dive at Dawn. (1943) Second World War adventure, starring John Mills. 2.35 Film: None But the Brave. (1965) Second World War adventure, starring Frank Sinatra. 4.15 Cats v Dogs: Which Is Best? (R) 5.15 Flog It! (R) 6.15 Ski Sunday. Including action from the men's World Cup downhill competition in Jeongseon, South Korea, which is set to be one of the host venues at the 2018 Winter Olympics. 7.00 Six Nations Rugby Union. John Inverdale presents action from the opening round of the 2016 championship, featuring Scotland v England at Murrayfield, Ireland v Wales at the Aviva Stadium and France v Italy at the Stade de France. All of the nations were playing their first matches since last year's World Cup, with France and England aiming to impress under new coaches after disappointing in that tournament. With analysis by Keith Wood, Martyn Williams and Jeremy Guscott. 8.00 Greece with Simon Reeve. Part one of two. The presenter takes a tour of Greece, travelling from the islands of the Aegean to Athens and learning how the Greek people are coping with their country's crises. 9.00 James May's Cars of the People. James looks into some of the planned new directions in motoring that never caught on, driving an amphibious car and an electric scooter, and taking a ride in a driverless car. Last in the series. 10.00 Patrick Kielty's Mulholland Drive. A journey to find the truth about William Mulholland, who was responsible for building Los Angeles' water infrastructure and providing a water supply that allowed the city to grow. (R) 10.50 American Football: Super Bowl 50. Denver Broncos v Carolina Panthers (Kick-off 11.30pm). Live coverage of the 50th staging of the showpiece event. 3.30 Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) 4.30 Holby City. (R) 5.30 This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITY: Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge. 6.25 Pat & Stan. (R) 6.35 Dino Dan. (R) 6.45 Dino Dan. (R) 7.00 Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) 7.05 Sooty. (R) 7.15 Super 4. (R) 7.30 Scrambled!: Scrambled! 7.35 Scrambled!: Mr Bear: The Animated Series. (R) 7.50 Scrambled!: Horrid Henry. (R) 8.10 Scrambled!: Nerds & Monsters. 8.30 Scrambled!: Bear Grylls Survival Show. 9.05 Scrambled!: The Tom & Jerry Show. (R) 9.25 FIA Formula E Championship. 10.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. 11.20 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) 12.20 ITV News: Weather. 12.30 Off Their Rockers. (R) 1.00 Ninja Warrior UK. (R) 2.00 Live Six Nations Rugby Union. Ireland v Wales (Kick-off 3.00pm). 5.15 Catchphrase. (R) 6.00 Regional Programme: Weather. 6.15 ITV News: Weather. 6.30 Planet's Got Talent. Featuring a human cannonball, a high-wire motorbike display, a whip-cracking cowboy, a death-defying acrobat and a performer who slices flying fruit. Narrated by Warwick Davis. 7.00 Beowulf: Return to the Shieldlands. Slean's intended bride arrives in Herot, but his mind is elsewhere as he is torn between his loyalty to his mother and his own lust for power. 8.00 Vera. The detective investigates the discovery of a young man's body in an area notorious for illicit teenage gatherings, the corpse wrapped in plastic sheeting and having received a blow to the head. Vera follows the trail to a funeral where the victim used to work and a church where he sought refuge, having recently been made homeless. She delves into his family history to discover why he was on the streets when his parents lived nearby, while forensic evidence implicates the son of the vicar, who has a criminal past. 10.00 ITV News: Weather. 10.15 Rookies. Documentary filmed over the course of a year following trainee police officers from the Lincolnshire force, charting their progress as they venture out onto the streets. (R) 11.15 Premiership Rugby Union. Mark Durden-Smith and David Flatman present action from the 11th round of fixtures. 12.10 Jackpot247. 3.00 ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.40 The King of Queens. (R) 7.05 The King of Queens. (R) 7.30 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 7.55 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.30 Frasier. (R) 9.00 Frasier. (R) 9.30 Sunday Brunch. 12.30 George Clarke's Amazing Spaces. (R) 1.30 Location, Location, Location. (R) 2.35 Film: Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel. (2009) Comedy, starring Zachary Levi. 4.15 The Simpsons. (R) 4.45 The Simpsons. (R) 5.15 Channel 4 News. 5.35 Film: X-Men. (2000) Sci-fi comic-book adventure, starring Hugh Jackman. 7.30 The Jump. Davina McCall presents the second round of the celebrity winter sports challenge. The 11 remaining contestants compete in a Snow Crash event, with the losers of each race having to face a super-sized ski jump to determine which of them will be eliminated from the contest. 9.00 Deutschland 83. Moritz recaptures after the transplant, and decides to remain at home. However, both Annett and Schweppenstette are adamant that he must return to his assignment in the West. Alex Edel takes General Jackson hostage and forces him to denounce military plans in Western Europe. In German. 10.00 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown. Sean Lock and Iyia Suttie compete against Jon Richardson and Richard Osman in the words-and-numbers quiz, while Alex Horne and the Home Section help out in Dictionary Corner. (R) 11.05 Film: Alien 3. (1992) Officer Ripley is marooned on an all-male prison planet, where she again faces her extraterrestrial arch-enemy. Sci-fi thriller sequel, with Sigourney Weaver. 1.05 Embarrassing Bodies: Back to the Clinic. The doctors invite back some of their most memorable patients, including a woman who visited because of excess hair on her face and body. (R) 2.00 Come Dine with Me. (R) 4.15 Phil Spencer: Secret Agent. The property expert helps homeowners in Leeds, including a man struggling to sell his three-bedroom semi, and a woman whose dated bungalow is not attracting buyers. (R) 5.10 Deal or No Deal. Players try to beat the banker and guess the contents of mystery boxes, and could double their winnings with box 23 – if they are brave enough to buy it with what they have won. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. 6.05 Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) 6.15 Angelina Ballerina. (R) 6.30 Bob the Builder. (R) 6.45 Ticky Toc. (R) 6.55 Zack and Quack. (R) 7.05 Foodbabe and Custard Too. (R) 7.15 Make Way for Noddy. (R) 7.25 Paw Patrol. (R) 7.40 Little Princess. (R) 7.50 Pip Ahoy! (R) 8.05 Blaze and the Monster Machines. (R) 8.30 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) 8.50 Wanda and the Alien. (R) 9.05 Toby's Travelling Circus. (R) 9.20 Jelly Jam. (R) 9.30 LazyTown. (R) 9.55 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) 10.30 The Championship: Football League Tonight. (R) 11.30 Goal Rush: Football League Tonight. (R) 12.00 Police Interceptors. (R) 12.55 Police Interceptors. (R) 1.55 Film: My Favorite Martian. (1999) Sci-fi comedy, starring Christopher Lloyd. 3.40 Film: Three Men and a Little Lady. (1990) Comedy sequel, starring Tom Selleck. 5.35 5 News Weekend. 5.40 Film: Little Nicky. (2000) Comedy fantasy, starring Adam Sandler. 7.25 Film: Zoolander. (2001) Dim male model Derek Zoolander is stunned to find his career going downhill thanks to the arrival of an equally vacuous rival – but fails to realise he is merely a pawn in a dangerous game of international espionage and world domination. Comedy, starring Ben Stiller, Owen Wilson, Will Ferrell, Milla Jovovich, Christine Taylor and David Duchovny. Edited for sexual content and language. 9.00 Film: The Internship. (2013) Premiere. Two old-fashioned salesmen find their careers derailed by changes in technology. They nevertheless manage to get internships at an internet company, but face a battle to come to terms with modern business methods, while competing against younger rivals. Comedy, starring Vince Vaughn, Owen Wilson and Rose Byrne. 11.15 Film: The Green Hornet. (2011) A playboy media-mogul becomes a masked crime-fighter, with the help of his kung fu expert chauffeur. Comic-book adventure, starring Seth Rogen, Jay Chou and Cameron Diaz. 1.25 SuperCasino. Viewers get the chance to take part in live interactive gaming, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team. 3.10 America's Hidden Pyramid City: Ancient Mysteries. The rise and fall of a Native American civilisation. (R) 4.00 Wildlife SOS. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 Great Movie Mistakes V: Revenge of the Fifth 7.10 Great TV Mistakes 7.40 The Voice UK 9.00 Film: Meet the Fockers (2004) 10.50 Family Guy 11.30 American Dad! 12.15 Family Guy 12.35 Cuckoo 3.25 Cuckoo Christmas Special 4.00 Close
BBC Four
7.00 Montalbano and Me: Andrea Camilleri 7.50 Britain's Wild Places 8.00 Russia's Lost Princesses 9.00 Film: Palo (2015) 10.30 History of the Eagles 12.30 TutanKhamun: The Truth Uncovered 1.30 Rock 'n' Roll America 2.30 Sounds of the Eighties 2.55 Totally British: 70s Rock 'n' Roll 3.55 Close
ITV2
11.35 Take Me Out 12.55 Take Me Out – The Gossip 2.00 Grease: Live 4.55 Minion Madness 5.10 Film: Despicable Me (2010) 7.00 Film: Legally Blonde (2001) 9.00 bizz Weekend 10.00 Film: American Pie: The Wedding (2003) 11.55 Film: Forgetting Sarah Marshall (2008) 2.00 Planet's Funniest Animals 2.25 Teleshopping 5.55 ITV2 Nightscreen
ITV3
11.25 Film: Columbo: It's All in the Game (1993) 1.30 The Return of Sherlock Holmes 2.45 The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes 3.50 Agatha Christie's Marple 5.55 Midsomer Murders 8.00 Bargain Round Britain with John Sergeant 9.00 Caroline Quentin's National Parks 10.00 Mrs Biggles 11.30 Film: Hamlet (1996) 2.05 Film: Tili Death Us Do Part (1969) 3.45 Heartbeat 5.25 Judge Judy
ITV4
1.35 Counting Cars 2.25 The Classic Car Show 3.30 Film: No Name on the Bullet (1959) 5.10 Film: Dunkirk (1958) 8.00 Premiership Rugby Union 9.00 Film: Nighthawks (1981) 11.05 Film: Apocalypse Now (1979) 2.05 Ax Men 2.50 ITV4 Nightscreen 3.00 Teleshopping
E4
2.30 Film: School of Rock (2003) 4.45 Ride(ish) Tube Shorts 5.00 The Goldbergs 6.00 The Big Bang Theory 9.00 Marvel's Agents of SHIELD 10.00 Tattoo Fixers 11.10 Ride Tube 12.05 The Inbetweeners 1.15 The IT Crowd 2.15 Marvel's Agents of SHIELD 3.00 Don't Trust the B*** in Apartment 23
Film4
11.10 Destination Gobi (1953) 1.00 Step Out (2006) 3.15 Bugsy Malone (1976) 5.05 First Daughter (2004) 7.15 Airplane! (1980) 9.00 Patriot Games (1992) 11.15 Under Siege 2: Dark Territory (1995)

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FILM CHOICES

MONDAY

Hannibal, Channel 5, 10.55pm
Fugitive serial killer Dr Hannibal Lecter has gone into hiding as an academic in Italy, but a disfigured victim is determined to find him and inflict a gruesome revenge. Ridley Scott's thriller sequel, starring Anthony Hopkins, Julianne Moore and Ray Liotta. (2001)

TUESDAY

A Surrogate's Terror, Channel 5, 3.15pm
A college student agrees to be a surrogate mother for a wealthy couple in return for her tuition fees being paid, only for the prospective parents to die in a car crash. Drama, starring Cassie Steele. (2014)

WEDNESDAY

Michael Clayton, BBC1, 11.45pm
A troubled attorney takes over a high-profile case when a colleague suffers a nervous breakdown and threatens to blow the whistle on corporate corruption. However, as he tries to limit the damage, he uncovers damning proof that will expose a secret group of conspirators – who are prepared to commit murder to keep the evidence buried. Legal thriller, starring George Clooney and Tom Wilkinson. (2007)



Michael Clayton, Wednesday, BBC1, 11.45pm

THURSDAY

Guilty at 17, Channel 5, 3.15pm
A teenager believes her friend when she lies about being sexually harassed by a teacher, and falsely claims to have witnessed an incident. When the accused teacher commits suicide, she is consumed with guilt and begins to suspect she has been deceived. Crime drama, starring Erin Sanders and Alex Paxton-Beesley. (2014)

FRIDAY

Evil Under the Sun, ITV, 11.15pm
Hercule Poirot braves the heat and sand to investigate the murder of a glamorous stage star on an idyllic Adriatic holiday island. It becomes clear many people had reason to want the temperamental actress dead and the Belgian sleuth is soon hard at work figuring out which of her enemies eventually managed to kill her. Mystery, with Peter Ustinov, Diana Rigg, James Mason, Maggie Smith and Jane Birkin. (1982)

Mulder and Scully are reopening their files

It could be a case for Mulder and Scully – whatever happened to the top-rated sci-fi series and its characters when it went off air for 14 years? Thankfully, we're about to find out because The X-Files is back.

Even the most die-hard of fans (and let's face it, there were plenty of those around during the show's original run, from 1993 to 2002) never thought they'd get to see their heroes in action again, and have been almost beside themselves with glee at the prospect since the reboot was announced.

Not that bringing back much-loved cult series is a rarity these days. Doctor Who made a triumphant return, nine years after he last featured in the lacklustre 1996 film, while Twin Peaks is set to appear on our screens in 2017 following a 26-year hiatus.

Both David Duchovny and Gillian Anderson have agreed to reprise their roles as FBI agents Fox Mulder and Dana Scully – it just wouldn't have been the same without them.

Both stars have enjoyed success in various projects following the end of

the original series, with Anderson particularly familiar to UK viewers thanks to her appearance on TV in the likes of The Fall, Great Expectations, The Crimson Petal and the White, and the recent adaptation of War and Peace.

They will be joined by various other original run alumni, including Mitch Pileggi as the FBI's assistance director Walter Skinner, and William B Davis, who plays the enigmatic Smoking Man.

What surprised many is that Channel 5 outbid other broadcasters to grab the right to show the six-part run. "Securing the UK premiere of the hugely anticipated return of The X-Files is a major coup for the channel and will create one of the television events of 2016," said Ben Frow, director of programmes at Channel 5. "This acquisition underlines our ambition to deliver a diverse slate of brilliant, must-see programming on Channel 5."

So far, feedback has been very good. Okay, so some critics have been unkind, but fans – and they are the ones who are important here –

have given it an overwhelming thumbs-up.

What's more, the first episode features a recap that will be invaluable to casual viewers, or those who didn't watch the original run or either of its spin-off movies. After that, it's the monster-of-the-week approach that takes centre stage as Mulder and Scully get to grips with more intrigue and conspiracy.

When we meet them again, the duo have been living separate lives for years – she at a medical practice, him ploughing his own furrow. They are brought back together by a cable TV host who wants them to help him expose a sinister organisation he believes has the power to control the American public.

Channel 5 is also broadcasting The X-Files: Reopened immediately before the first edition, enabling fans to see behind-the-scenes footage of Duchovny and Anderson in action with the show's creator, Chris Carter.

Will the programme's return whet our appetite for more? Probably – the question is, will it ever be sated?



Gillian Anderson and David Duchovny star in The X-Files, Monday, Channel 5, 9pm

BEST OF THE REST

MONDAY

Mary Berry's Foolproof Cooking BBC2, 8.30pm

The Great British Bake Off judge prepares a selection of dishes perfect for outdoor entertaining and lazy summer days, beginning with a whole seabass with lime and dill butter. Mary then meets experts Jules and Nick to have a go at catching crayfish in the waters of Oxfordshire, before using the crustaceans in an oriental vegetable salad. She then demonstrates simple recipes for lamb burgers with mint mayo, and smoked Texan chicken wings, and finishes with refreshing lemon and elderflower jellies.

Royal Navy Sailor School Channel 4, 9pm

New series. Documentary following two classes of new Royal Navy recruits as they start their training at HMS Raleigh in Torpoint, Cornwall. In the first episode, a fresh intake arrives at HMS Raleigh to begin 10 weeks of training, the first two of which can make or break their career. Exhaustion and homesickness leave teenager Harland questioning if this life is really for him, while the eldest member Craig Rowan (32) sees this as his last chance to make something of himself and his instructors think he might be leadership material.

TUESDAY

Back in Time for the Weekend BBC2, 8pm

The Ashby-Hawkins family sample life in the 1960s and with more money to go around, there's more fun to be had, including a trip to the seaside, a Dansette record player for 16-year-old Daisy and even their own Mini to enjoy. Dad Rob and son Seth take on football legend Trevor Brooking for a game of Subbuteo, and Daisy and mum Steph meet Sandie Shaw to discover how the decade's daring fashions reflected the growing freedoms.

Happy Valley

BBC1, 9pm
The last time we saw Sgt Catherine Cawood, she was feeling pretty good about catching her nemesis, Tommy Lee Royce, the man she holds responsible for her daughter's suicide. You would think, then, that she would be cheerier when we catch up with her again, almost two years later. However, Catherine is the sort of woman who carries the world on her shoulders – besides which, she's about to make a very grisly discovery, one that makes her colleagues wonder if a serial killer is on the loose.

WEDNESDAY

The Great Sport Relief Bake Off BBC1, 8pm

Ed Byrne takes on the role of host as ex-Spice Girl Geri Horner, BBC World Affairs editor John Simpson, footballer and pundit Jermaine Jenas and 90s pop star Louise Redknapp face three baking-related tasks set by judges Paul Hollywood and Mary Berry. For the signature challenge, they must make savoury tarts, before taking on Mary's chocolate and beetroot tray bake in the technical. Finally, the celebrities must use their imagination as they attempt to create 3D models of their favourite sporting moments using biscuits.

THURSDAY

Jericho

ITV, 9pm
Charles arranges for stone to be quarried from a nearby site, and panic sets in for Annie and Johnny when they

discover it is where the bodies of Happy Jack and Red are buried. The townsfolk are outraged at the thought of their old foreman's body being moved and rally round his widow Hatty, but she is won over by the promise of a decent headstone for his new grave, so Johnny takes charge of the exhumation, hoping he can prevent Red's body being discovered. Meanwhile, Isabella tells Charles she wants to be his wife in every sense, but when housemaid Epiphany lets something slip about her past, no one is prepared for the consequences.

FRIDAY

Mr Selfridge

ITV, 9pm
Reeling from the bad publicity after the assault on the store, Harry finds himself forced to admit the true state of his financial affairs when Dancona piles on more pressure, and later finds himself embroiled in a costly spat with media magnate Lord Wynnstay. Mr Grove and Miss Mardle plan their very special forthcoming event, and Meryl enlists Tilly's help for a very important task – fuelling Miss Ellis' ire in the process. Mae and Victor grow closer, leaving Jimmy to become increasingly jealous. Drama, starring Jeremy Piven, Katherine Kelly, Amanda Abbington and Tom Goodman-Hill.

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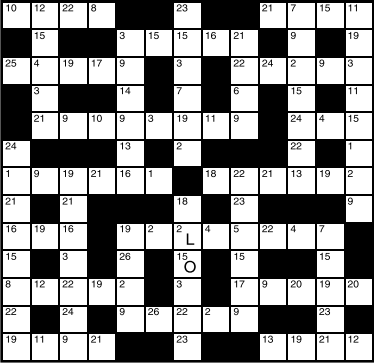
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Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:
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X Q I L A F K W J B R S H

Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

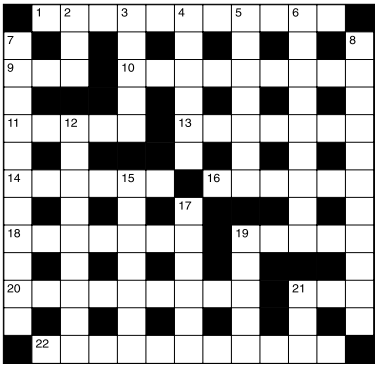
Cryptic Clues:

Across

- 1. They show you what you can get with money (4-7)
- 9. She's always cut short (3)
- 10. The local newspaper made him redundant (4-5)
- 11. Silas is out to be of use to a ropemaker (5)
- 13. One object in rent is investment (7)
- 14. Their function is to secure quiet in class (6)
- 16. Government upsets the emigre (6)
- 18. Number return with piece of writing for broadcasting? (7)
- 19. Horse stepped very softly out (5)
- 20. Scramble at the pig's food (9)
- 21. A tie in an archery contest? (3)
- 22. Get straight an argument with privileges (3,2,6)

Down

- 2. Weed-killer (3)
- 3. Floral plate design (5)
- 4. In part of a hospital - mental, perhaps (6)
- 5. Refuse to go through all the cases? (7)
- 6. One result of juicy pickings (5,4)
- 7. A deep malady (3-8)
- 8. Put on to paper, Chinese style? (7,4)
- 12. Hardly the speed at which a tramp will walk! (5,4)
- 15. He foresees a hold-up over the reform (7)
- 17. He might make a streak on the ice (6)
- 19. A weapon attached to a rifle, perhaps (5)
- 21. Part - of the bridle? (3)



Quick Clues:

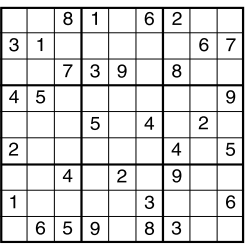
Across

- 1. Golden mean (5,6)
- 9. Wand (3)
- 10. Gazette (9)
- 11. Horrify (5)
- 13. Shyness (7)
- 14. Regular (6)
- 16. Fasten (6)
- 18. Personal (7)
- 19. Broaden (5)
- 20. Get rid of (9)
- 21. Unity (3)
- 22. Enterprise (11)

Down

- 2. Help (3)
- 3. Punitive (5)
- 4. Grass-cutters (6)
- 5. Put (7)
- 6. Advantage (5,4)
- 7. Sister's grandson (5-6)
- 8. Sceptic (11)
- 12. Utter ruin (9)
- 15. Greed (7)
- 17. Leave (6)
- 19. Destroy (5)
- 21. Possess (3)

Sudoku



Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

4	1	5	8	2	3	6	7	9
6	3	9	4	7	1	8	5	2
2	7	8	9	5	6	4	1	3
1	9	6	7	8	4	2	3	5
8	5	2	6	3	9	7	4	1
3	4	7	5	1	2	9	6	8
7	2	3	1	6	8	5	9	4
9	6	1	2	4	5	3	8	7
5	8	4	3	9	7	1	2	6

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Back; 3 Theatres; 9 Adorned; 10 Quote; 11 Discountable; 13 Strive; 15 Unison; 17 Counteragent; 20 Olive; 21 Accused; 22 Eighteen; 23 Play. Down: 1 Brandish; 2 Cross; 4 Hiding; 5 Acquaintance; 6 Rootless; 7 Slew; 8 Inconvenient; 12 Unitedly; 14 Roofing; 16 Menace; 18 Ease; 19 Bore. QUIZ - Across: 1 Pick; 3 Sorcerer; 9 Ordinal; 10 Nasal; 11 In the interim; 13 Impale; 15 Speech; 17 Congratulate; 20 Ashen; 21 Founded; 22 Fatherly; 23 Reed. Down: 1 Prolific; 2 Cadet; 4 Oblong; 5 Contemptuous; 6 Respite; 7 Rule; 8 Intelligence; 12 Shielded; 14 Prophet; 16 Lawful; 18 Adieu; 19 Wait.

Thinking space

Quiz

- 1. In which country is the state of Uttar Pradesh?
- 2. Who directed the film Jules et Jim?
- 3. What sort of animal is a tarpon?
- 4. What nationality is the avant-garde composer Karlheinz Stockhausen?
- 5. Which physicist discovered alpha, beta and gamma rays?
- 6. What is the capital of Haiti?
- 7. Which king constructed the Hanging Gardens of Babylon?
- 8. In which century did the poet John Milton live?
- 9. What is the symbol used for the element magnesium?
- 10. In which year did the actor Steve McQueen die?

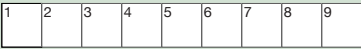
Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 Thermos; 2 The Marshall Plan; 3 Tennessee; 4 Actress; 5 The helmet; 6 Mace; 7 Telescope; 8 Miles Davis; 9 Kurt Waldheim; 10 1856. Niner: INCURABLE

Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

1225 gives an animal,
324 gives a vegetable,
9548762 gives a mineral.



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Tempting tower – pollo saltimbocca

Forget new flavour of Pringles this is something to really get excited about

I GET excited very easily. I get excited when a new flavour of Pringles is unveiled

But when I found out that there is an Italian restaurant within walking distance of my flat – a long walk, admittedly – I got very excited. Taxi, take me to Fiume!

Fiume is in a lovely little spot. A canal-side restaurant in Compton spread over two floors. It's clean, bright, in a location that cries out for summer lunches in the sun, and staffed by an attentive team who make a fuss of you as soon as you arrive.

Your meal is soundtrack by a mixture of opera and mambo, set at a volume that does not intrude but instead actually rather soothes. So all we need now is some decent nosh and it is, as the saying goes, all gravy. Not literally all gravy, that would be a bit boring.

I must confess that I had decided that I

Pete Cashmore tucks in

liked Fiume even before I arrived. I absolutely adore Italian grub at any time, I'd live on it if I could, and when you have two of my favourite things – seafood and calzone pizzas – combined and thrown into the mix, then really, you're onto a winner.

Portions

Even better, they do something that I love in my Italians – they offer starter-sized portions of pasta to get the ball rolling, meaning you can, in theory, do pasta and pizza together and still come away not feeling like the Goodyear airship.

So that is what I resolved to do, for the diddy-sized (although there was nothing especially diddy about it) spaghetti carbonara, and then that calzone. Elsewhere in the table, my fellow diners, codenames 'Mum'

and 'Dad', went for crespella di funghi, Italian crepe stuffed with mushrooms, followed by pollo saltimbocca, chicken wrapped in parma ham with mash, and calamari followed by linguine with a duck ragu, respectively.

I'm not one for competitive eating, but I like to think that I 'won' this meal. It really was a rip-snorter. Spaghetti carbonara is a dish that can often go wrong – it can be too creamy, it can be too eggy, it can contain rosey ham, all factors which can ruin what should be an indulgent dish.

No such worries at Fiume. Chunky pancetta, tart parmesan, just the right amount of creaminess and egginess.

The calzone did exactly what I expected of it. I believe I spotted prawn, squid and octopus in there. It was terrific fun to wrestle with. Elsewhere on the table my father pronounced himself thrilled with the calamari,

which came in a monster portion of great big rubbery rings and looked great, but seemed merely satisfied with his pasta – I didn't grill him on it excessively because he took about half an hour to polish it off and to ask him to talk would have exacerbated this process.

Delightful

Mother, meanwhile, seemed more than happy with both starter and main. A couple of coffees for the parents while I polished off another bottle of beer, and an entirely delightful eat-up was in the bag for £74, which is not too shabby.

Fiume really have got everything right – the attractive location, the attention levels of the staff, which is warm and just the right amount of fussy, and a menu that offers a wide choice.

I'd go back there in a heartbeat.

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Four Bed Detached Property Comprises Of Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen And Utility Room. En-suite Along With A Family Bathroom. The Property Benefits From Part D/G And G/C/H.

£234,995

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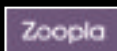


SNEYD LANE, ESSINGTON
Substantial Three Bed Detached Bungalow Having Imposing Entrance Hall, 38ft Through Lounge, Impressive Kitchen/Diner, Conservatory, Utility, Study/Playroom, Two Bathrooms, D/G, C/H, Garage, Generous Plot.

£370,000

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LOT 1 Manor Road Walsall

Monday 8th February 10:30am



●Guide Price £59,000 PLUS

This two bedroom end terraced property is situated in a popular residential area a short walk from Walsall Manor Hospital. The property is in need of modernisation and therefore offers great potential for an investor. With all amenities close at hand the property comprises: Ground Floor Front reception room, Understair cupboard, Rear Reception Room, Kitchen, Bathroom First Floor Bedroom One with window to front, Bedroom Two with window overlooking the garden Outside At the front of the property there is a small paved area as well as a small patch of grass and to the rear there is an overgrown garden.

LOT 2 Bentley Lane Walsall

Monday 8th February 10am



●Guide Price £59,000 PLUS

This two bedroom end terraced property is in need of some modernisation. The property is situated in a popular residential area which makes it an ideal purchase for an investor. With all amenities close at hand the property comprises: Ground Floor Lounge with window to front, Reception Room, Kitchen with back door providing access to garden, First Floor Bedroom One with window to front, Bedroom Two with window to rear and Bathroom.

LOT 3 Pelsall Lane Rushall

Monday 8th February 9:30am



●Guide Price £78,000 PLUS

This gas centrally heated and double glazed three bedroom semi detached property is in need of modernisation. The property is situated in a popular residential area and would make an ideal purchase for an investor. With all amenities close at hand the property comprises: Ground Floor Entrance Lobby leads to Lounge with double glazed window to front and wooden fire with wall mounted gas fire, Dining Room with wall mounted gas fire, Kitchen with stainless steel sink and windows to side and rear elevations, First Floor Bedroom One with double glazed window to front, Bedroom Two with double glazed window to rear, Bedroom Three with double glazed window side, Bathroom with double glazed window to side, bath with pedestal hand basin and flush fit W.C. Outside Fore garden with concrete stamped paved driveway as well as a gravel drive for off road parking. Enclosed rear garden with concrete path and lawn area. Garage.

LOT 4 Victor Street Pelsall

Monday 8th February 10am



●Guide Price £75,000 PLUS

This two bedroom end terraced property which is in need of some modernisation would make an ideal purchase for a first time buyer or investor. The property is situated in a popular residential area a short distance from Pelsall village centre. With all amenities close at hand the property comprises: Ground Floor Front door leads to Front reception room with window to front, Rear reception room with window overlooking the rear garden, Modernised Kitchen with stainless steel sink as well as a door providing access to the garden, First Floor Bedroom One with window to front, Bedroom two with window overlooking the rear garden and Bathroom Outside To the side of the property there is a small driveway giving access to a garage. At the rear of the property there is a garden.

LOT 5 Site of Substation adjacent 156 City Road Oldbury

The site is available to view from the road



A Freehold building plot with Planning Permission (subject to conditions) for the erection of two 3 bedroom semi detached houses (Application No. DC/14/57212 Sandwell MBC). Situated in a residential area convenient for all amenities.

●Guide Price £30,000 - £40,000

LOT 6 Lichfield Street Walsall

Strictly by appointment through auctioneers



●Guide Price £180,000 PLUS

This double fronted commercial property with three floors of office space is situated within a short walk of Walsall town centre. The property has been well maintained and offers an ideal investment opportunity with a regular substantial income from a number of sources. There is further potential income from other offices which are at present vacant. Currently the following are let under licence Office Three let to Bridgers Central UK Limited @ £3000.00 per annum for 104 weeks from 2nd February 2015 and Broadway Mortgage Consultants Limited on the same terms. Office Five let on licence to Mortgage Force Limited @ £19,200.00 per annum for 104 weeks from 2nd February 2015. We understand at the time of going to print that Office One and Two is currently under offer with an expected income of £8,320.00 per annum and is to be agreed on a one year licence.

LOT 7 Bell Green Road Coventry

Thursday 4th February 11:30am



●Guide Price £73,000 PLUS

This three bedroom end terraced property is in need of modernisation. The property is situated in a popular residential area with a primary school and college within walking distance. With all amenities close at hand the property comprises: Ground Floor Porch leads to Lounge with bay window to front (4m into bay x 3.5m), Reception Room (3.8m x 3.4m), Kitchen (2.8m x 2.1m), Bathroom (2.2m x 1.7m) First Floor Bedroom one with window to front (3.4m x 3.4m), Bedroom two with window overlooking the garden (3.9m x 2.2m). Outside At the front of the property there is a small gated access to the front door and at the rear there is an small garden. Buyers Premium A buyers premium of £900 (inclusive of V.A.T) will be charged

LOT 8 Foleshill Road Coventry

Thursday 4th February 12pm



●Guide Price £78,000 PLUS

This three bedroom end terraced property is situated in a popular residential area a short distance from the Arena park shopping centre and the Rich arena. The property is in need of modernisation and with all amenities close at hand it comprises: Ground Floor Front door leads to lounge with bay window to front, Reception Room, Kitchen First Floor Bedroom One with window to front, Bedroom two, Bathroom, Bedroom three with window overlooking the garden Outside At the front of the property there is a small gated access to the front door and at the rear of the property there is a small paved area near the back door with the remainder of the garden full of grass. Buyers Premium A buyers premium of £900 (inclusive of V.A.T) will be charged

LOT 10 Woodbury Road Kidderminster

Strictly by appointment through auctioneers



●Guide Price £70,000 PLUS

This three bedroom semi detached property is situated in a popular residential area with both a primary school and sixth form college a short distance away. The property has been well maintained and with all amenities close at hand it comprises: Ground Floor Porch leads to reception hall, dining room with window to front (3.6m x 3m), Lounge with windows overlooking the garden (3.6m x 3.2m). Kitchen with side door giving access to garden (3.7m x 2.4m). First Floor Landing leads to Bedroom One with window to Front (3m x 2.4m), Bedroom Two (3.1m x 2.3m), Bedroom Three (2.7m x 2.2m).

LOT 11 John Riley Drive Willenhall,

Strictly by appointment through Auctioneers



●Guide Price £69,000 PLUS

This semi detached property situated at the head of a quiet cul-de-sac in a popular and sought after location. Set on a larger than average plot, the property is in need of complete modernisation and improvement and lends itself to extensions subject to planning permission and would therefore make an ideal purchase for a builder looking for a project. Ground Floor Reception Hall, Lounge 4.79m x 3.3m, Dining Room 4.7m x 3.1m max, Kitchen 3.27m x 2.27m. First Floor Bedroom One (front) 3.8m x 3.2m, Bedroom Two (rear) 3.26m x 3.2m, Bedroom Three (front) 2.28m x 2.6m, Bathroom, Separate W.C. Outside Garage 7m x 2.3m, foregarden with tarmacadam driveway affording good off street parking, rear garden. Tenure Leasehold 99 years from 25/3/71

LOT 12 Liskeard Road Walsall

Monday 8th Feb 11am



●Guide Price £140,000 PLUS

This three bedroom Semi Detached property is in need of total modernisation. The property is situated in a popular residential area with an assortment of schools and shops in the local area. This property is ideally suited towards investors or potential home owners; with all amenities close at hand the property comprises: Ground Floor Porch leads to entrance hall giving access to Lounge with glass sliding doors opening out onto the garden and Kitchen with window overlooking the driveway, First Floor Landing gives access to Bedroom with window overlooking the garden, Bedroom, Bedroom with window to front Outside At the front of the property there is a shared driveway giving access to the garage at the rear as well as a patch of grass. At the rear of the property

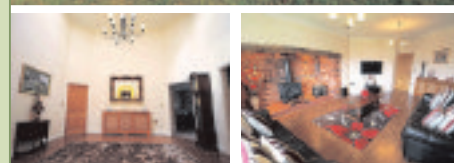
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Walsall Road, Walsall Wood

- Superbly Designed Detached Bungalow
- Set on 0.8 Acre Plot
- Three Bedrooms all having En-Suites
- Grand Entrance Hallway
- Lounge with Inglenook Fireplace
- Fitted Kitchen
- Sun Room with Log Burner
- Conservatory
- Several Outbuildings
- Viewing Essential

Offers in the Region Of £450,000



Sneyd Lane, Essington

- Ample Parking to the Fore
- Welcoming Entrance Hallway
- 38ft Living Area
- Open Plan Kitchen/Diner
- Conservatory
- Utility Room
- Potential to convert space to a Granny Annex

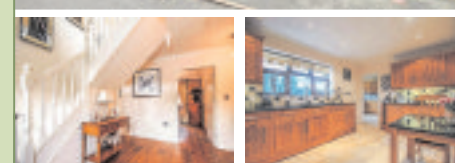
£370,000



New Street, Walsall

- Three Bedroom Detached House
- Two Bedroom Self Contained Annex
- Detached Double Garage
- Ample Off Road Parking
- Rear Garden
- Gas Central Heating

Offers in the Region Of £270,000



Blithfield Road, Brownhills

- Detached Dormer Bungalow
- Four Bedrooms, Two with En-Suite
- Fitted Oak Kitchen with Granite Worktops
- Rosewood Double Glazing
- Underfloor Heating in Kitchen & Utility
- Unvented Pressurised Heating System
- Three Bathrooms
- Off Road Parking & Garage
- No Upward Chain
- Built by Award Winning Local Builders

£325,000



Peelsford Road, Pelsall

- Three Bedroom Semi
- Extended
- Two Reception Rooms
- Fitted Kitchen/Diner
- Downstairs W.C.
- Utility
- Family Bathroom
- D.Glazing & G.C.Heating

Offers in the Region Of £160,000



Watling Street, Brownhills

- No Upward Chain
- Superb Extended Kitchen
- Lounge with Log Burner
- Second Reception Room
- Useful Loft Space
- Some Work Required
- Viewing Essential
- Garage

Offers in the Region Of £159,950



Bloxwich Road, Leamore

- No Upward Chain
- Four Bedrooms (En-Suite to Master)
- Two Reception Rooms
- Off Road Parking
- Car Port & Side Access to Rear Garden
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Ideal Family Home or Buy-to-Let Investment

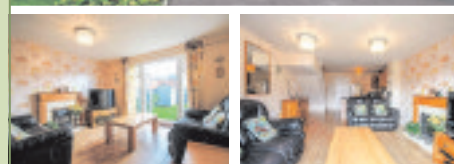
Offers in Excess of £140,000



Waters Keep, Walsall

- Light and Airy Lounge
- Spacious Kitchen/Diner
- Downstairs W.C
- Rear French Doors
- Three Spacious Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom

From £141,995



Yorkshire Grove, Walsall

- Immaculately Presented
- Modern Semi Detached
- Sought After Jubilee Gardens Development
- Guest Cloakroom
- Open Plan Kitchen/Living Room
- Two Double Bedrooms
- NHBC Warranty
- Off Road Parking
- Viewing Essential
- Sought After Location

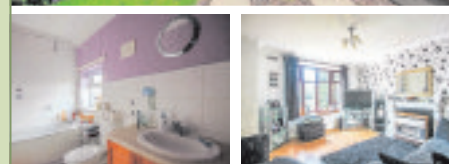
Offers in Excess of £125,000



Waters Keep, Walsall

- Light and Airy Lounge
- Spacious Kitchen / Diner
- Downstairs W.C
- Rear French Doors
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Useful Storage Space
- 10 Year NHBC Warranty
- Viewing Essential
- New Build

From £114,995



Penderel Street, Bloxwich

- No Upward Chain
- Refitted Kitchen
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Modern style Interior
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Close to M6
- Viewing Essential
- Close to High Street
- Great School Catchment

£104,950



Springfields, Rushall

- Well Presented End Terrace
- Ideal First Purchase
- Kitchen/Diner
- Attractive Rear Garden
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Lounge

£114,950



Abbots Close, Rushall

- No Upward Chain
- Popular Cul-de-Sac Location
- Close to Aldridge & Walsall Town Centres
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen

£115,000

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Nutmeg Grove, Walsall

- Superbly Extended Detached Home
- Impressive Extended Kitchen
- Secure Parking to the Rear
- Off Road Parking to the Front
- Five Generous Bedrooms
- En-Suite to Master Bedroom
- Sought After Development
- Chain Free
- Viewing Essential
- Garage

Offers in the Region Of £255,000



Castle Road, Walsall Wood

- Under Floor Heating to Ground Floor
- Aluminium Bi-fold Doors to Rear
- Composite Front Door
- 'A' Rated uPVC Windows
- Oak Internal Doors
- Landscaped Rear Garden

£259,950



Victoria Terrace, Walsall

- Victorian Grade II Listed Building
- Three Generous Bedrooms
- Stunning Views over Arboretum Lake
- Front Gardens
- Parking Area
- Original Period Features Throughout
- Sash Windows
- Double Glazing

Offers in the Region Of £200,000



Tannery Court, Walsall

- Brand New Three Storey Property
- 10 Year NHBC Warranty
- Garage
- New Development in the Heart Of Walsall
- Show Home Available to View
- New Build
- Viewing Essential
- Double Glazing

Offers in the Region Of £195,000



Ashtree Road, Pelsall

- Three Storey Three Bedroom Period Property
- Sympathetically Refurbished
- Superb Kitchen/Conservatory
- Master Bedroom with En-Suite
- Many Original Features
- Detached Garage
- Sought After Pelsall Village Location

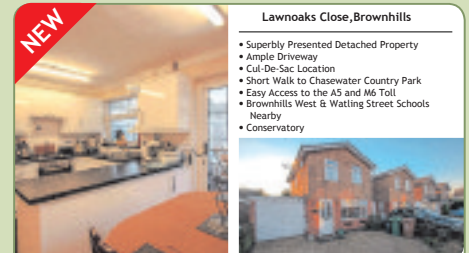
Offers in Excess of £190,000



Vernon Way, Bloxwich

- Two/Three Bedroom Detached Bungalow
- One/Two Reception Rooms
- Fully Fitted Kitchen
- Ground Floor Bathroom
- Master Bedroom with En-Suite Shower Room

Offers in the Region Of £180,000



Lawnoaks Close, Brownhills

- Superbly Presented Detached Property
- Ample Driveway
- Cul-De-Sac Location
- Short Walk to Chasewater Country Park
- Easy Access to the A5 and M6 Toll
- Brownhills West & Watling Street Schools Nearby
- Conservatory

Offers in Excess of £180,000



Lichfield Road, Walsall

- Extended Modern Semi-Detached
- Ground Floor Double Bedroom
- Beautifully Presented Throughout
- Fitted Kitchen
- Contemporary Lounge
- Conservatory
- Private Rear Garden
- Ample Off Road Parking
- Great School Catchment
- Viewing Essential

£150,000



Waters Keep, Walsall

- Light and Airy Lounge
- Spacious Kitchen / Diner
- Downstairs W.C
- Rear French Doors
- Three Spacious Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Useful Storage Space
- 10 Year NHBC Warranty

From £130,995



Watling Street, Brownhills

- No Upward Chain
- Period Property
- Scope for Further Development
- Spacious Rooms
- Delightful Rear Garden
- Off Road Parking

£130,000



Hunter Crescent, Bloxwich

- Superbly Extended Semi-Detached
- Pleasant Lounge
- Extended Breakfast Kitchen
- Refitted Bathroom
- Three Bedrooms
- Off Road Parking
- Delightful Rear Garden
- Viewing Essential

Offers in the Region Of £125,000



Park Road, Walsall

- No Upward Chain
- Currently Achieving £6300 Annual Rent
- Ground Floor Apartment
- Two Bedrooms
- En-Suite to Master
- Secure Gated Parking
- Other Apartments Available in the Block
- Built In 2008
- Viewing Essential
- Close To High Street

£115,000



Drake Road, Bloxwich

- No Chain
- Currently Tenanted to a long term tenant (£500 PCM)
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Three Generous Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Popular Cul-de-Sac

Offers in the Region Of £115,000



Hawbush Road, Bloxwich

- Superb Kitchen/Diner
- Utility Room and Guest WC
- Porch
- Spacious Lounge
- Off Road Parking
- Delightful Rear Garden

Offers in the Region Of £115,000



Wilkes Avenue, Bentley

- No Upward Chain
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Porch
- Ground Floor WC
- Two Generous Bedrooms
- First Floor Bathroom
- Scope for Improvement
- Viewing Essential

Offers in Excess of £100,000



Rough Brook Road, Bloxwich

- Show Home Style Two Bedroom First Floor Apartment
- Lounge/Dining Room
- Fitted Kitchen including Integrated Appliances
- Master Bedroom with En-Suite Shower Room
- Bathroom

£97,500



Plant Way, Pelsall

- No Upward Chain
- Ideal for a First-Time Buyer
- Suitable Buy-to-Let (7% Gross Yield)
- Cul-De-Sac Location
- Corner Plot
- Delightful & Spacious Rear Garden

Offers in the Region Of £99,950

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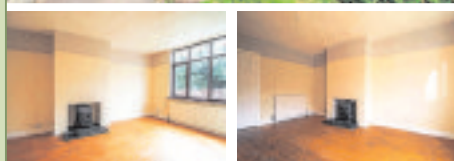




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Poolles Lane, Willenhall

- Ideal Starter Home
- Off Road Parking
- Attractive Rear Garden
- Refitted Bathroom
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Great Location
- No Chain
- Close to M6
- Viewing Essential

Offers in Excess of £110,000



Tasker Street, Walsall

- Exclusive Development
- Available March 2016
- Available Off Plan
- Close Proximity to Town Centre
- Allocated Parking
- New Build
- Quiet Location
- Close to M6
- Viewing Essential
- Close to Train station

£110,000



Basalt Close, Reedswood

- Modern Town House
- Cul-De-Sac Location
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Fitted Kitchen
- Lounge/Diner
- Off Road Parking

Offers in the Region Of £95,000



Shannon Drive, Brownhills

- Well Presented Starter Home
- Cul-De-Sac Location
- Kitchen/Diner
- Lounge
- Off Road Parking to the Fore
- Low Maintenance Rear Garden
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing

£95,000



Selby Way, Bloxwich

- No Upward Chain
- Three Bedroom Mid-Terrace
- Off Road Parking
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Refitted Kitchen
- Lounge

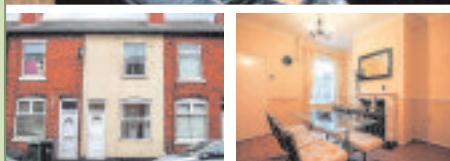
Offers in the Region Of £95,000



Newhome Way, Bloxwich

- Two Bedroom Ground Floor Apartment
- Open Plan Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
- Bathroom With Shower over Bath
- Allocated Parking
- Secure Entrance Doors
- Superfast Broadband Enabled
- Achieving £5400 Income (7% Yield)
- Sold with Managed Tenant
- EARLY COMPLETION AVAILABLE

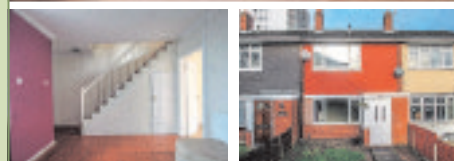
£74,950



Green Lane, Leamore

- Victorian Style Terrace
- Two Reception Rooms
- Fitted Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Two Bedrooms
- Rear Garden
- Ideal Buy-to-Let
- Great Location
- Viewing Essential
- Double Glazing

Offers in the Region Of £85,000



Millfield Avenue, Bloxwich

- No Upward Chain
- Ideal Buy-to-Let Investment
- Popular Lower Farm Area
- Spacious Kitchen/Diner
- Lounge
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Ground Floor WC
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing

Offers in the Region Of £85,000



Lichfield Road, Walsall

- No Upward Chain
- Desirable Location
- Close to Walsall Town Centre
- Communal Parking
- Delightful Communal Gardens
- Garage

Offers in Excess of £85,000



Mulberry Road, Bloxwich

- Two Bedroom Modern Town House
- No Upward Chain
- Fitted Modern Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Rear Garden
- Off Road Parking

Offers in the Region Of £100,000



West Street, Bloxwich

- Three Bedroom Mid-Terrace
- Two Reception Rooms
- Kitchen
- Ground Floor Bathroom
- Three Double Bedrooms
- Rear Garden
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating

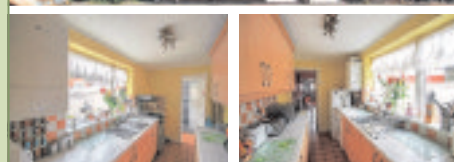
Offers in Excess of £80,000



Drake Road, Bloxwich

- No Chain
- Currently Tenanted to a long term tenant (£500 PCM)
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Three Generous Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Popular Cul-de-Sac

Offers in the Region Of £115,000



Revival Street, Bloxwich

- No Upward Chain
- Ideal First Purchase
- Refitted Kitchen
- Wet Room
- Gas Central Heating
- Delightful Rear Garden
- Quiet Location
- Viewing Essential
- Close to High street
- Double Glazing

Offers in the Region Of £85,000



Deepmore Avenue, Walsall

- No Upward Chain
- Corner Plot
- Off Road Parking
- Refitted Bathroom
- Modern Kitchen
- Ground Floor WC

£117,000

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Mill Lane
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Superbly Presented Executive Style Seven Bedroom Home. Porch, Hallway, Dining Room, Formal Lounge, Feature Extended Breakfast Kitchen With Living Area, Utility, Seven Bedrooms, Modern Family Bathroom, Feature Shower Room And Double Integral Garage.

OFFERS AROUND: £360,000

Lucknow Road
Willenhall



Immaculately Presented Three Bedroom Detached Residence, That Has Been Completely Refurbished By The Current Owners. Entrance Hall, Lounge, Sitting Room, Large Breakfast Kitchen With Dining Area, Galleried Landing, Three Bedrooms, Luxurious Bathroom With Separate Shower Cubicle, Large Driveway To Fore And Enclosed Rear Garden.

OFFERS AROUND: £185,000

Glamis Road
Willenhall



Substantially Extended Semi Detached Property. Entrance Porch, Hallway, Through Lounge Dining Room, Extended Kitchen Diner, Sitting Room With Conservatory Area, W.C., Three Good Sized Bedrooms, Family Shower Room, Double Garage And Large Rear And Side Gardens.

OFFERS AROUND: £175,000

Worthy Down
Wolverhampton



Deceptively Spacious Detached Bungalow. Entrance Hallway, Large Dual Aspect Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Two Bedrooms And Family Shower room. The Bungalow Further Benefits From Attached Single Garage, Driveway, Secluded Rear Garden And Mature Side Gardens. EPC - D

OFFERS AROUND: £160,000

Clarks Lane
Willenhall



Immaculately presented and Extended FULLY REFURBISHED three bedroom family home. Porch, Reception Hall, Lounge, open dining area leading to impressive EXTENDED KITCHEN with integrated appliances, Downstairs W.C., Three bedrooms and modern family bathroom.

OFFERS AROUND: £159,950

Hawkswell Drive
Willenhall



Very Well Presented Three Bedroom Detached Residence On The Popular Hadley Heath Development. Being Newly Decorated And Re-carpeted. With Open Views To The Front. The Property Briefly Comprises Of: Hall, Lounge, Large Kitchen Diner, Three Bedrooms And Family Bathroom. The Property Further Benefits From Mature Rear Garden, Driveway To Fore And Side Carport.

OFFERS AROUND: £155,000

Williams Close
Willenhall



Well presented Semi Detached residence situated in a popular cul de sac location in Short Heath. Benefits from UPVC Double Glazing, Gas Central Heating, Cavity wall and Loft Insulation and No Upward Chain, briefly comprising: Entrance Hallway, L-Shaped Lounge, Kitchen with modern boiler, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom, Front & Rear Gardens, Driveway and Garage. Please note we do hold mining report on this property. EPC - D

OFFERS AROUND: £130,000

Denville Close
Bilston



This immaculate detached house which is in a cul de sac is a short distance away from Bilston town centre. The property which is double glazed and gas central heated through out briefly comprises: lounge, garage conversion, dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, driveway and rear garden.

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £160,000

Greenway Road
Bilston



An impressive Three bedroom semi detached house found on the Redwood 'Chestnut Walk' Development. This fantastic property briefly comprises: hallway, downstairs cloakroom, lounge, kitchen/diner, first floor landing, three bedrooms, en-suite off the master bedroom, family bathroom, rear garden and off road parking.

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Adventure with the advancing Avensis

By Sharon Walters

Car manufacturers make a fairly big song and dance of claiming how they take notice of what buyers of their cars want when they upgrade. They canvass brand loyalty customers and trumpet their findings. And generally they do incorporate major concerns which they see as an improvement to their products – obviously taking into account cost.

Toyota go one further and not only talk to buyers who have crossed the threshold of their showrooms but also drivers of other cars as well. The Japanese firm did this with the latest Avensis and appear to have listened well and used the information to make what was a good product even better.

And what is good news for the UK is the car is made at Toyota's long-established plant near Derby – as have more than 1,711 Avensis across four generations that have appeared on European roads since the original was launched in late 1997. Plus the car was designed and engineered at Toyota's European development centre. Japanese by name but not by nature.

This latest version saw a new style, new engines and some pretty innovative technology. Toyota has always been known for quality, durability and reliability and that has been continued and further improved upon.

Avensis has appealed to both private and the fleet/business market but the latter has always taken the lion's share. Both revealed they wanted prestige, luxury and elegance and they have certainly got it. Saloon and tourer were targeted with five main areas of improvement:

- Styling
- Sensory quality and comfort
- Safety
- Equipment and value for money
- Driving pleasure and running costs

Avensis has two diesel engines at the heart of its range: a 1.6 unit and a 2.0-litre. I drove the 2.0 litre Tourer which, if you are a business user, produces 124g/km giving an initial 22 per cent BIK rate. You also get more than 68mpg in an extra urban drive cycle according to claimed figures by Toyota. I didn't quite achieve that. But on one of my regular visits north of the border I did get fairly close. Not to be sniffed at in a 408 mile journey combining motorways (and hold-ups), city and rural driving. It positively soaked up the motorway driving with little cabin noise intrusion and a smooth ride, as indeed it was on the winding country roads.

Quality

Inside the cabin is well laid out and high quality with very comfortable seats and an excellent smart driver's information display and media system. I know some people sneer at this but there are also plenty of cubbyholes and decent sized glovebox – I despair at some of the totally useless 'slots' left in some cars. Better to do away with the glovebox altogether. And joy of joys, a space saver tyre!

Active and Excel grades mark the entry point and top of the range with Business Edition and Business Edition Plus versions at the heart of the line-up. Across the board, specifications secure high levels of safety, comfort and convenience, not least with the standard provision of Toyota Safety Sense integrated active safety features on all models.

Key features of the Active grade include Pre-Crash Safety system with Autonomous Emergency Braking, cruise control, air conditioning, six-speaker CD/radio audio, Bluetooth, auto-dimming rear-view mirror, LED rear and daytime running lights and power windows.

Business Edition adds to this strong foundation with the Toyota Touch 2 with Go touchscreen multimedia and navigation system, digital/DAB audio package with eight-inch display, reversing camera, front fog lights, rain-sensing wipers, dusk-sensing headlights, automatic air conditioning, 17-inch alloy wheels and part-Alcantara seat upholstery. The active safety features extend to Automatic High Beam, Lane Departure Warning and Road Sign Assist.

Business Edition Plus delivers further premium features including leather upholstery with Alcantara inserts, front fog lights with a cornering function, LED headlamps, smart entry and rear privacy glass. The LED daytime running lights gain light guides, creating a distinctive lighting signature.

At the top of the range, Excel grade adopts Toyota Touch 2 with Go Plus, adding more sophisticated navigation functions and access to additional connected services. The specification also embraces a 10-speaker audio system, full leather seat upholstery, electrically adjustable front seats with heaters and adaptive headlights that adjust automatically to improve illumination through bends and turns. The Excel Touring Sports gains a panoramic roof. And that was lovely for letting plenty of light in and making the cabin appear even more spacious.

This Avensis has advanced well.

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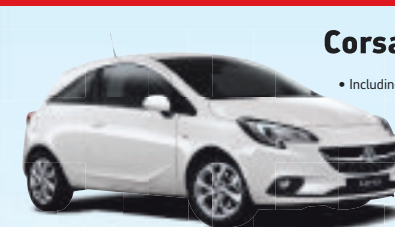


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Smooth cat is stylish, sleek and fuel-efficient

By John Griffiths

It's a challenge to design a 'clean sheet' new car that is better than its predecessor but still screams out the heritage and core values of its makers.

But that is the new Jaguar XF – sleek and sporty style that couldn't really be anything else but a 'Big Cat' with more than a hint of its flagship big brother, the XJ.

Yet it isn't all about show or brand identity, as under the skin it is entirely new, packed with the latest technology to make it a daunting prospect for its premium brand German rivals. The new XF has grace and pace: coupe looks but with a bigger, more luxurious interior with the latest in high tech toys to keep you entertained and in touch.

It is based around the latest Wolverhampton-built Ingenium turbo diesel engine which produces plenty of power while significantly cutting fuel consumption and CO2 emissions, potentially saving its owners thousands of pounds in VED and benefit-in-kind tax.

With new, slipperier aerodynamics and aluminium architecture replacing the old steel construction – the XF has shed some 190kgs – the figures are impressive. With the lowest powered (163PS) engine and manual gearbox they are more than 70mpg and a mere 104g/km – much more super-mini territory than executive express. Even the 180PS option with eight speed auto transmission the figures are an average 65.7mpg and a lowly 114g/km. Those compare with 129g/km for the old car, so the tax advantages are obvious.

With competitive insurance ratings and new measures to cut the cost of repairs, the XF now goes to the top of its class when it comes to benefit in kind tax, residual values and whole life costs.

I love design when form and function come together in perfect harmony. While the new XF has much more sporting lines, that's true of its behaviour, too.

Weight

The basis of its improved dynamics start with its lighter weight of its aluminium structure, which is also 25 per cent stiffer so that steering and suspension work to the optimum.

Plus it's slightly shorter – not by much, admittedly – but that's combined with a longer wheelbase and significantly shorter front overhang. While that helps to improve handling, and enhancing the XF's coupe-like good looks, it also allowed the engineers to build a car with more generous levels of head, knee and legroom for rear seat passengers.

At the same time, they have endowed the braking system with more pedal feel for the driver, and upgraded the suspension system.

The range starts at £32,300 for the 163PS manual, while the extra power of the 180PS engine starts costs £500 extra, model for model.

For those who want even more go there are two V6 range toppers – a 300PS turbo diesel and a 380PS petrol, both of which only come with the ZF eight-speed auto gearbox.

The test car was the 180PS automatic in top specification Portfolio trim, which comes in at £39,050.

From the moment you sit down in the big soft leather seats it feels every inch a Jaguar. You're surrounded by soft, stitched leather and wood venees, chrome switch gear and a simplified cockpit layout thanks to central colour touch-screen and digital instrument display.

It pulls away smoothly and in virtual silence, but once you reach the open road you get some measure of the XF's pace. It's 180 horses isn't massively powerful by executive car standards, but you have to factor in its light weight to get some measure of how the car performs.

The Portfolio spec car is packed with the latest safety equipment including stability and traction control, hill start assist, autonomous emergency braking, trailer stability control, rear parking sensors, brake pad wear warning and multiple airbags. Climate control, electric windows and a surround sound stereo system add to the standard package.

It also has Jaguar's latest 'InControl' touch screen navigation system with Wifi. Imagine, for example, you're heading for an appointment in a strange city – the system will give you a choice of potential parking spots in the vicinity and, once parked, switches seamlessly to your smartphone to guide you to your final destination.

The Jaguar's digital instruments are extremely clear and easy to read in all lights, but I confess I find myself increasingly seduced by the 'head up display' in cars. Jaguar charges an extra £1,220 for its laser-operated 'HUD' but for me it's money well spent. Having your actual speed, the current speed limit and block diagrams of the next junction displayed in clear symbols in front of you is a really boost for safety and convenience when navigating unfamiliar territory.

The new XF is arguably one of the most sleek and stylish or the executive saloons. With the major changes under the skin, it's also now one of the most cost-efficient of the breed, too.



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Victory over leaders has champions in contention

IN the Aldridge & District Snooker League Premier Division, run-away leaders St Johns had the opportunity to all but end third placed Wednesfield Cons A's two year reign as champions.

Cons had other ideas, though, and ran out 4-1 winners, moving them up into second place and breathing down St Johns' neck.

In Division One, long time challengers Stafford Road B are on their worst run of the season – and at the wrong time – as they slipped into third place, losing 4-1 at Darlaston Cons.

Stafford Road are now under threat of losing their promotion spot to their opponents for the night.

Wins for Tony Rhodes, Dave Butler, Ian Miles and Barry Macey secured a vital win for the visitors, reducing the gap to four points to the final promotion slot. Only Tom Small could offer any resistance.

By contrast, Bloxwich Memorial B are on their best run of the season, moving into second place by beating Aldridge Cons C 4-1. They now have long-time leaders Bentley Moor A in their sights.

The Aldridge Inter Town team progressed to the quarter finals of the Inter Town competition with a superb deciding frame 4-3 victory away at Wednesbury. It has sparked hopes of a first Inter Town Trophy since 1971.

Results: Premier League: Aldridge Cons A 0 Bloxwich Memorial A 5; Fishley Park 3 Golden Cue A 2; Lea Hall Club 4 0 Bar A 1; Oley Hay 1 Stafford Road A 4; Old Hall 0 Pelsall Social A 5; St Johns SC 1 Wednesfield Cons A 4; Victoria A 2 Aldridge Cons B 3.
Division One: Bloxwich Memorial B 4 Aldridge Cons C 1; Essington WMC 2 Norton Vic 3; Landywood SC B 4 Birchills 1; O Bar B 2 Lichfield Road BC 3; Stafford Road B 1 Darlaston Cons A 4; Wednesfield Cons B 3 Victoria B 2; Athenaeum Club 3 Armerly 2; Bentley Moor B 1 Bentley Moor A 4

Six points in big weekend for hockey club

**Bloxwich 6 Wolverhampton 1
Bloxwich 3 Streetly 2**

IT was a big hockey weekend for Bloxwich mens 1st team and they came away from it with six important points, staying unbeaten in 2016.

First up on Saturday were Wolverhampton – and Bloxwich comprehensively beat the lacklustre side at Sneyd.

Bloxwich began strongly and found the breakthrough from a well worked short corner that Gary Williams poked home.

Bloxwich were rampant in the first half with a comfortable 3-0 lead going into the break with Harry Robinson scoring and Phil Ashcroft getting the first of his hat-trick.

Wolverhampton scored right from the start of the second half but Bloxwich pushed on, found their groove and after a goal from Jakov Perkins, ended with a solid 6-1 victory.

The following day, Bloxwich's legs managed to hold up in an exciting and hard fought match against high flyers Streetly, who were also playing their second game of the weekend.

Streetly took an early lead but Matt Baldwin scored a great goal from a short corner.

Bloxwich took the lead early on in the second half through Gary Williams, but Streetly managed to get the equaliser not long afterwards.

Steve Mallows hammered the ball home for the win.

In-form Pics sink Marine

Rushall Olympic 3 Marine 0

OLYMPIC maintained their unbeaten start to 2016 after they eased past Marine 3-0 at Dales Lane.

Pics had the better of the first half as the went in at half-time 1-0 up courtesy of a Jamie Spencer header.

The hosts came out flying in the second half and scored twice in two minutes as Jake Heath scrambled in from within a yard on 51 minutes.

Less than 60 seconds later Kieran Morris crept forward from right back and slotted in after Reid had hit the post.

Boxer Lennox ready to kick on



Lennox Clarke is up for battle in Walsall

HALESOWEN'S Lennox Clarke is eager to make up for lost time when he battles for a belt at Walsall Town Hall this month.

The hard-hitting super middleweight tops the bill when professional boxing returns to the venue on Friday, February 19.

Clarke was due to take on Midlands middleweight champion Craig Cunningham last October, but pulled out through injury.

Brummie southpaw Cunningham has now moved on with the

title, which he will defend against Mike Byles at Bedworth Civic Hall 24 hours on from the Walsall card.

Clarke will attempt to seize the British Challenge crown, having previously won the now-defunct British Masters Bronze strap. Three-time Southern area title challenger Richard Horton, aged 34, is in the other corner.

Clarke said: "This is a big year for me. If I want to go anywhere in this sport, I need to make inroads this year. I'm ready to kick

on." The show, promoted by Errol Johnson's Black Country Boxing and ring legend Ricky Hutton, is titled 'Undefeated' with eight unbeaten fighters, including Clarke, in the home corner.

Hutton will lead Wednesbury's Sam Evans, Pauly Upton, Reuben Arrowsmith and big heavyweight Nathan Gorman into battle.

A Black Country heavyweight also features in West Bromwich's Matt Gordon. Also in action is Manny Zaber, from Old Hill.

One step too far as FA Cup run is ended

Reading 4 Walsall 0

ONE team with aspirations to reach the Premier League. The other with genuine aspirations to reach the Championship.

There may not have been much between Reading and Walsall in this FA Cup fourth-round clash – but there was still enough to see the Royals to a convincing 4-0 victory.

Right up until the 37th minute – when Hal Robson-Kanu put the hosts ahead – Walsall were more than a match for their more illustrious opponents.

After a somewhat slowish start, Sean O'Driscoll's side grew in stature and were unlucky not to take the lead when Tom Bradshaw's deflected strike beat Ali Al-Habsi only to roll agonisingly past the post.

At that stage, the game was being played at a tempo being set by the Saddlers with O'Driscoll's men enjoying a lot of possession around the Reading box.

But that all changed when Reading took the lead, thanks to a goal that defender Andy Taylor will not want to see again.

Mistake

A simple throw into the area found Robson-Kanu, who collected with his back to goal.

Taylor just needed to stand tall, yet he allowed the Welsh international to turn him with the winger making no mistake from no more than six yards.

Walsall were shell-shocked and just three minutes later they fell further behind when Matej Vydra tapped home from close range.

In Vydra, Reading have a striker for which they paid a staggering £2.5 million just to loan him from Watford.

And it was that bit of extra quality which proved to be the difference, with the Royals going off at the break two goals up, despite having just two shots on target and Walsall having enjoyed 55 per cent possession.

The second half followed a similar pattern. O'Driscoll was bold and threw on striker Jordan Cook for midfield linchpin Adam Chambers as the Saddlers switched from 4-2-3-1 to a more traditional 4-4-2.

Cook had one good chance when he headed over Anthony Forde's deep free-kick. But at the other end Danny Williams and Vydra again took their chances to make the scoreline somewhat flattering for the hosts.

The reality was that Reading just had that little bit extra. And to make matters worse for the Saddlers, goalkeeper Neil Etheridge was stretched off with a gashed knee after colliding with



Walsall's James O'Connor and Jordan Cook go up for the ball in the FA Cup clash against Reading

Taylor in the build-up to the Royals' third goal. The keeper suffered a nasty cut to his knee, similar to the injury he sustained earlier in the season.

Defeat meant the Saddlers' 13-year wait to reach the fifth round of the FA Cup will tumble on.

And while there were few positives to cheer, the 1,600 fans that made the trip got to travel back safe in the knowledge title rivals Burton, Gillingham and Coventry had all lost in the league. O'Driscoll stated

afterwards that promotion has always been the club's primary focus.

The boss also believes the trip to the Madejski will have taught his players some valuable lessons when they look back at the goals they conceded.

Walsall have shown they can compete with teams at that level after beating Nottingham Forest, Brighton and Brentford this season. This game though, was just one step too far.

Firsts go down in farcical scenario

Leek 65 Walsall 8

WALSALL'S journey to North Staffordshire proved to be a disastrous event.

The team's recent success gave cause for optimism from players and supporters. But the unavailability of key players had forced the management to make three late changes.

This disruption didn't seem very evident during the first five minutes as the visitors gained possession and pressed forward. But as a scoring opportunity seemed to be created Walsall lost possession, and this seemed to set the pattern for most of the game.

Leek kicked the ball down the field, Walsall failed to gather the ball and winger Palmer went over for the first of his three tries. They added another try after a lineout drive before Weston put over a penalty.

Another downfield kick gave the hosts the next score followed by two more scores as they turned

Rugby

over possession at a scrum and lineout. During a surprising seven minutes of extra time at the end of the half, Leek capitalised on Walsall mistakes and grabbed another couple of scores.

A 40-3 interval scoreline suggest that it could be an embarrassing second half for the visitors. But the team deserved praise and not criticism during this half as they dominated for long periods despite only having 14 players on the field throughout the half as injuries to prop forward Taric Tin and hooker Alex Jones had forced them to leave the field.

The game, therefore, had to have uncontested scrums, but, according to league rules, Walsall would not be allowed to use their remaining replacement.

This farcical scenario did not deter the visitors and they produced several good attacks with Dave

Pitt and Paul Naylor going close to scoring. Prop forward Simon Weaver secured a late consolation score. This, however, was after the hosts had broken away to score three tries and a penalty.

This Saturday league leaders Bridgnorth came to Delves Road to play their rearranged game against bottom of the table Walsall.

Meanwhile, the United enjoyed a terrific win last Saturday. They beat league leaders Longton 27-19.

Forwards and backs worked hard with the team scoring four tries. The best of those was a fine individual effort by centre Tony Lay.

There was some good running and a try for Ethan Walker and another youngster Brandon Sayse ran well for his score.

Nathan Blackwood's try came as result of good forward play, while Andy Hammons kicked a penalty and two conversions.

The 3rd XV well beaten by Leek 2nd XV.

Shots bounce back to form again as title race hots up

TITLE hopefuls Hotshots SC bounced back to form as the race for Division One glory in the West Midlands Snooker League hots up.

After their surprise defeat at Landywood last time out, Hotshots maintained their joint top status with a 4-1 home victory against Wednesfield Cons A.

Joint leaders Sedgley Ex-Service A also won 4-1 on the road as they saw off Golden Cue B. Reigning champions Brandhall Labour A are in third and pocketed an impressive 3-2 win at in-form Woodfield Social A.

Champions-elect Cannock Cons A are 17 points clear in Division Two. They took another step towards clinching the title by beating Smethwick Labour 4-1. Forty Four Club A remain in second after edging out Penfields B 3-2.

Division Three leaders Sedgley WMC C won 3-2 at Willenhall Libs, while second-placed Golden Cue D stuttered as they suffered a 3-2 home reverse at the hands of rock-bottom Cosley Ex-Service.

Runaway Division Four leaders Windsor Transport B beat promotion contenders Bushbury Grid A 3-2. Sedgley Ex-Service D suffered a blow to their promotion challenge when they were derailed by British Rail B 4-1.

In Division Five, second-placed Golden Cue G kept the pressure on leaders Amery and also dented their H team's promotion push by beating them 3-2.

Wolverhampton Electric D are strengthening their grip in third. They triumphed against Penfields C 3-2.

Division Six leaders Bentley Moor are 12 points clear after a 4-1 victory at RAFA B.

Tukir carries Black Country youth hopes

CHRISTIAN Amendola hit a steep learning curve as his England Youth Championship hopes evaporated in swift order after a trade off.

He was pulled out by the referee before the first round of his bout was over at the Wallace Centre in Stoke-on-Trent.

Amendola, from Priory Park Boxing Club in Dudley, had elected to swap leather with a strong opponent, Jamie Edwards, from Triumph in Coventry, and came off second best.

Amendola came into the reckoning at 60kg in the area semi-final stage, after a couple of byes.

Priory Park coach Warren Davies said: "We put Chris in for experience, really, and it's worth mentioning he's only had five fights, to the other lad's 48. He's now lost two of those.

"He didn't listen to instructions and it cost him. I knew Jamie could box and bang and was arguably the toughest draw we could have had, at this stage.

"He was upset, he felt he wasn't hurt and wanted to box on. But we are only looking after his welfare.

"He lives to fight another day and, hopefully, he'll learn a lot from this."

The only Black Country club still represented in the Youth competition is Wolverhampton's Merridale gym. The reigning European Youth champion will take on Hall Green's Zach Davis.

Darlo's third defeat on trot

Darlaston Town 2 St Martins 3

DARLASTON suffered their third successive West Midlands Division One defeat against a well organised and in-form St Martins team, who have won six of their last eight.

Matt Stone's 20-yard strike gave Saints a 1-0 half-time lead and Karl Bailey doubled the advantage.

Leon Taylor reduced the arrears on 71 minutes but four minutes later Shawn Melusi burst the net with a superb volley.

Tyrone Atkinson pulled one back with five minutes to play.

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Skipper is aiming for a winning run

WALSALL have been urged to go another long winning run by skipper Adam Chambers – starting on Tuesday night at Doncaster.

The Saddlers, who exited the FA Cup to Championship outfit Reading Saturday, won five League One fixtures on the spin towards the end of November and start of December.

Since then, Sean O'Driscoll's side has won just once in four league outings – at Bury on January 17. Now, with only promotion to concentrate on, Chambers was keen to spark another run of victories beginning at the Keepmoat Stadium.

"This season we have looked to perform and win every game we have gone into," the captain said.

"I think that is the reason why we have done so well in the league and the cups as well.

"There is still a long way to go and we have to make sure we are putting points on the board. We need to get a bit of momentum and get on a run in the league.

"The lads know what a big game it is because we are all focused on winning promotion."

Boss O'Driscoll enjoyed a hugely successful spell at the Keepmoat – winning the Johnstone's Paint Trophy and also guiding the club to Championship promotion.

Chambers added: "We have had a good first half of the season and now we are looking to replicate that in the second half."

And, despite being humbled 4-0 by Reading on Saturday, Chambers insists Walsall can take a lot of positives from that game.

"We felt we were in the game for the first half hour," the 35-year-old said.

"We knew the first goal was going to be important and I think that changed the game."

Heavyweight champ Fury tops the bill at sporting dinner

CONTROVERSIAL world heavyweight champion Tyson Fury will be the feature attraction of a sportsman's dinner in Birmingham next month.

The reigning IBO, WBO and WBA 'super' titlist will take centre stage at the newly-opened Vox Centre – part of Resorts World in the National Exhibition Centre – on Friday February 19.

The 27-year-old Mancunian will be interviewed on the night by Telford's Richie Woodhall, the former WBC super middleweight champion and boxing pundit.

Standard tickets have all sold out but gold and platinum passes are still available, either per person or at a reduced rate for tables of 10.

Gold, costing £75, includes seating in the middle of the hall, a three-course meal and a photo opportunity, for an extra £20, with Fury.

VIP, at £150, includes 'premier' seating, the meal and the picture included in the price. Sponsorship packages are also available. Call promoter Ken Purchase on 07976 842 383 or to buy online, visit www.bboxfuguk.com

Morris delighted at Saddlers switch



Walsall's Bryn Morris

TALENTED midfielder Bryn Morris says he is delighted to be at Walsall after boosting the promotion-chasing Saddlers ranks.

The 19-year-old, who has joined on an initial two-month deal from Middlesbrough, knows boss Sean O'Driscoll well after playing under the head coach when he was in charge of England under-19s.

Hartlepool-born Morris has an impressive record within the national set-up, captaining England's under-16s,

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under-17s, under-18s and under-19s sides.

He also enjoyed a successful loan spell at Burton Albion last season where then Brewers boss Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink tipped him to have a bright future.

Morris was unavailable to play for his new club in last weekend's FA Cup clash with Reading after playing on loan for York City earlier in the competition. He was, however, expected to feature in the

League One clash at Doncaster on Tuesday night.

"I'm really happy to be here," Morris said. "I've obviously worked with Sean before and he's got a really good philosophy."

"I loved playing for him and we had some really good results with England."

"When I spoke to him he said it's the club's philosophy to give young players a chance. So that's good for me and shows young players that there is a pathway through the system."

Sneekes has sights set on big scalp

RUSHALL Olympic were hoping for a Premier League scalp when they took on Staffordshire rivals Stoke City on Tuesday night.

The Pies remain unbeaten in 2016, but faced a tricky quarter-final clash again Stoke's under-21 side in the Staffordshire Senior Cup.

Manager Richard Sneekes believes it was a great chance for his side to compete at home against some skillful players.

Sneekes admitted he had tried to sign some of Stoke's younger players on loan, but was unsuccessful because they were concerned about dropping too many divisions.

He said: "My players also want to show how strong competitive their league is every week."

Sneekes, meanwhile, has hailed his side's resilience as they remain unbeaten since the turn of the year.

The Pies are yet to lose in six 2016 games and climbed to eighth in the Northern Premier Division with a 3-0 win over Marine at Dales Lane last Tuesday.

"We've been very resilient. The 1-0 win over Nantwich Town sticks out – they're a very good side," the former Albion man said. "Against Barwell we were two-up and let them back in but saw it out and took the win."

"The players work hard for each other. It's always been positive around training and in the dressing room, even when we're on a mini-run of not winning."

The Pies had new loan signings Jamie Spencer, from Kidderminster Harriers, and Kieran Morris, from Worcester City, both net against Marine, while left-back Nathan Fox, who signed from Micklesover Sports, made his debut.

Attacker Alex Reid has been rewarded for his fine form by signing a contract to

RELIEF AS TRIO STAY AT CLUB

JAMES Baxendale was the only Walsall departure on deadline day as the Saddlers kept hold of star trio Tom Bradshaw, Romaine Sawyers, and Rico Henry.

The 23-year-old attacking midfielder completed a permanent move to League Two outfit Mansfield after signing for the Stags on loan last month.

But while Baxendale put pen to paper on an 18-month contract at Field Mill, Saddlers fans breathed a sigh of relief as it was confirmed Bradshaw, Sawyers and Henry were all staying.

There was widespread speculation on Monday afternoon that Bristol City, who are believed to have enquired about Bradshaw, had seen an offer accepted.

But the club quickly quashed the rumours with a statement insisting Bradshaw was not for sale.

Linked

The Saddlers also managed to keep hold of Sawyers, who has been linked with Celtic, as well as Henry, who is reportedly a target for Manchester United, Tottenham and Liverpool. The trio are now hoping to help inspire their side to promotion into the Championship and were set to feature in a rearranged clash at Doncaster Rovers on Tuesday night.

Meanwhile, boss Sean O'Driscoll has confirmed there is still no time scale for when Isaiah Osbourne will make his debut for the first team.

The midfielder underwent knee surgery for an injury picked up shortly after signing for the club in the summer.

And he has since picked up an infection which has put back his recovery.

"Isaiah had a specialist appointment about a month ago which gave him an update where he is," O'Driscoll said. "He has to do some work, not to strengthen the knee but the stabilising structures that are around it."

"For anybody who is injured that is most boring part of it – the operation has healed and you are eager to get out and kick a ball."

"It's too hard to assess how long or how far off it is at the moment."

Till's penalty hat-trick in vain



All Wednesbury's points came Dan Till, seen here kicking one of his three penalties

Wednesbury RUFC 9 Eccleashall 13

WEDNESBURY were defeated in a physical game against another side struggling at the wrong end of the table. With both clubs desperate for points, Wednesbury were out-muscled and lost a very tight and close game, moving them even closer to the bottom of the league.

The home side took the lead after only three minutes thanks to a penalty from Dan Till.

Wednesbury kept the pressure on but were unable to extend their lead and midway through the half Eccleashall levelled with a penalty, pressing home their advantage by scoring a try three minutes later. During the break

Wednesbury were forced into making changes, the heavy tackle count taking its toll. Wednesbury's forwards made up a lot of ground but were not able to press home the advantage.

Then, 12 minutes into the half, Eccleashall took advantage of a number of missed tackles to play the ball through their backs and score their second try. Within two minutes Wednesbury closed the gap with a Dan Till penalty and a third such effort reduced the arrears further. With no league action this weekend, Wednesbury play their next game on February 13 at Edwardians, kick off 2-15pm.

Wednesbury 2nds fared better beating Whetton Aston 44-5.

Rival sides have 'done area proud'

AFC WULFRUNIANS and Sporting Khalsa can both hold their heads high, insists Wulfs boss Steve Palmer.

The Wolverhampton outfit are sixth, while Khalsa, of Willenhall, are fourth in the Midland League. They were due to meet last weekend but the game was called off. Both have won one of their two clashes this season.

Ian Rowe's Khalsa won in the FA Cup, but Wulfrunians triumphed 3-2 in an entertaining Boxing Day clash.

"We had no non-league teams from this area in this division three or four years ago," Palmer said. "We've done the area proud."

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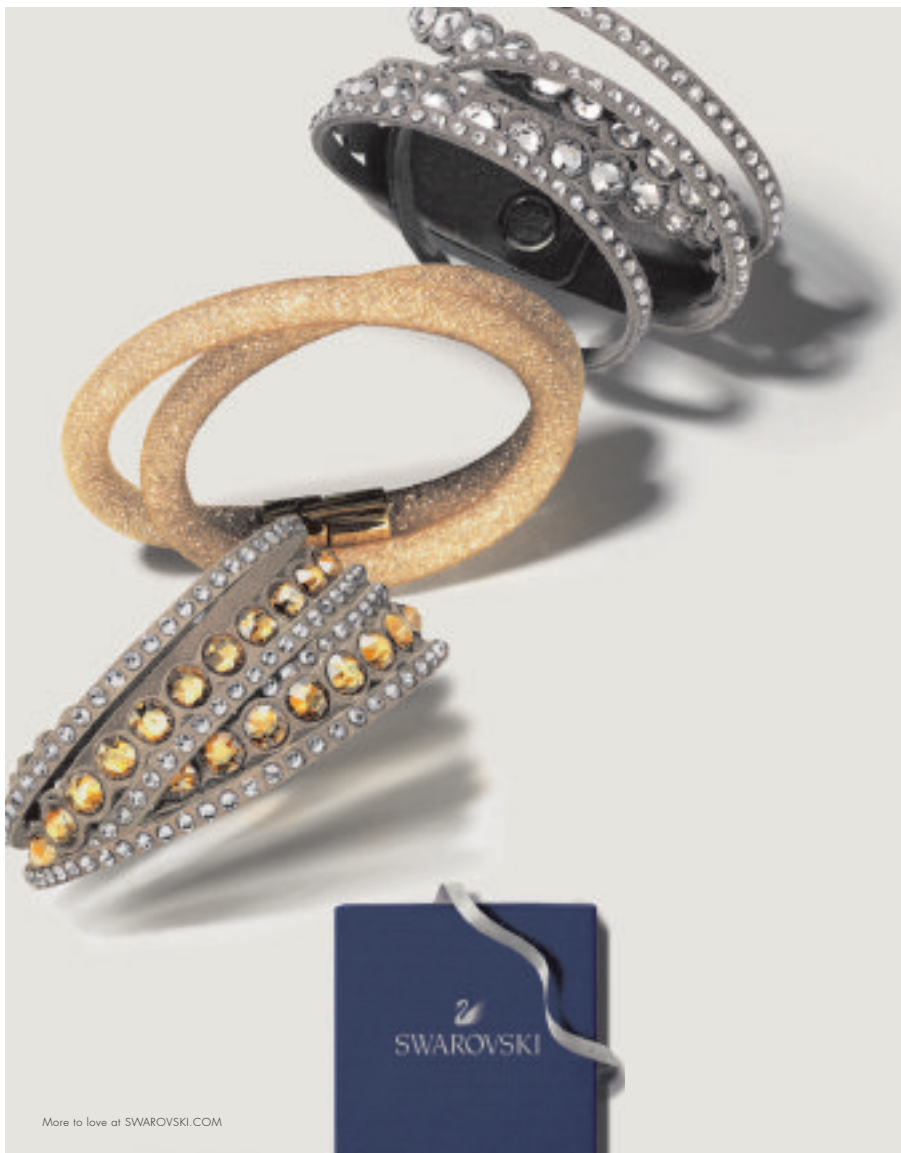
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